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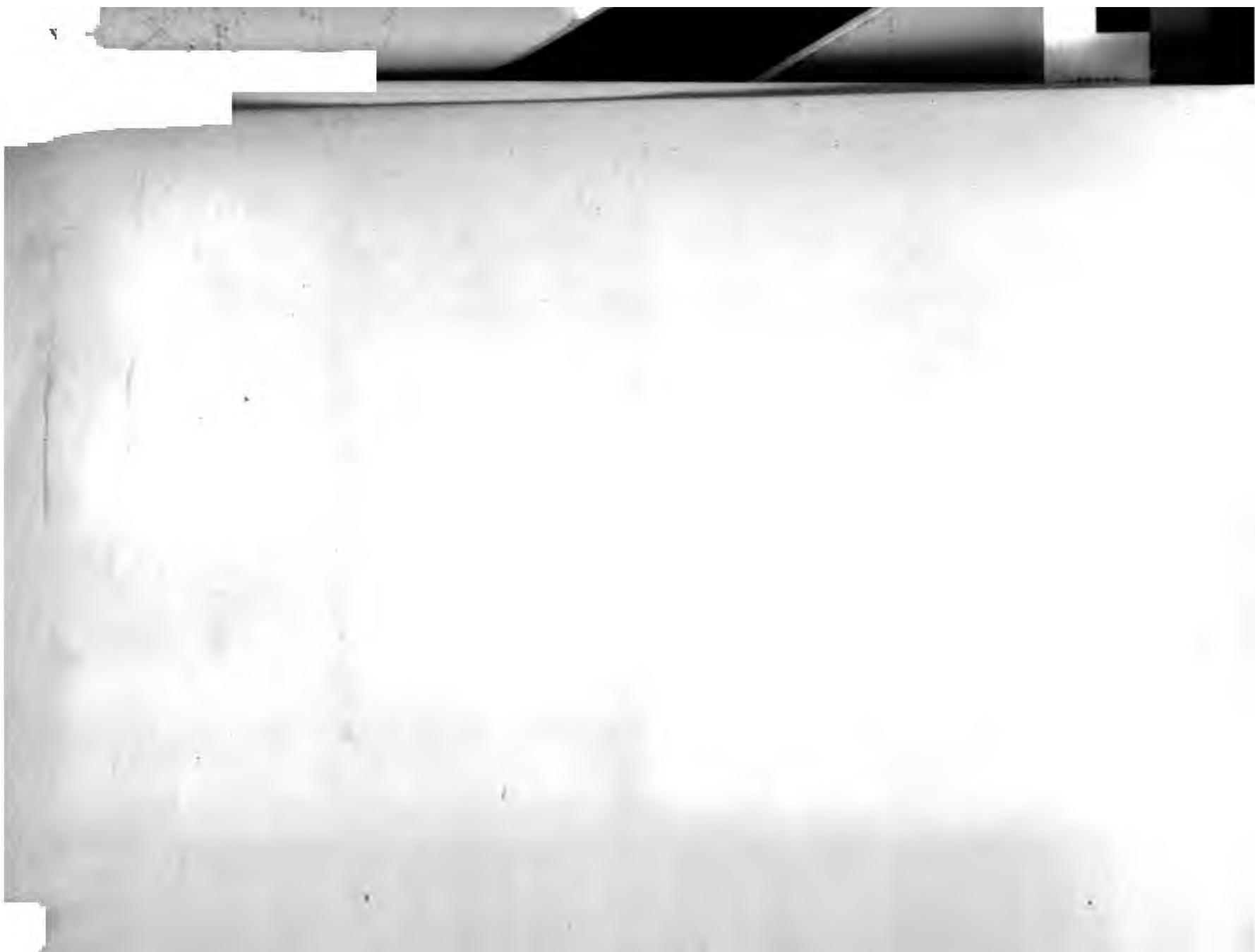
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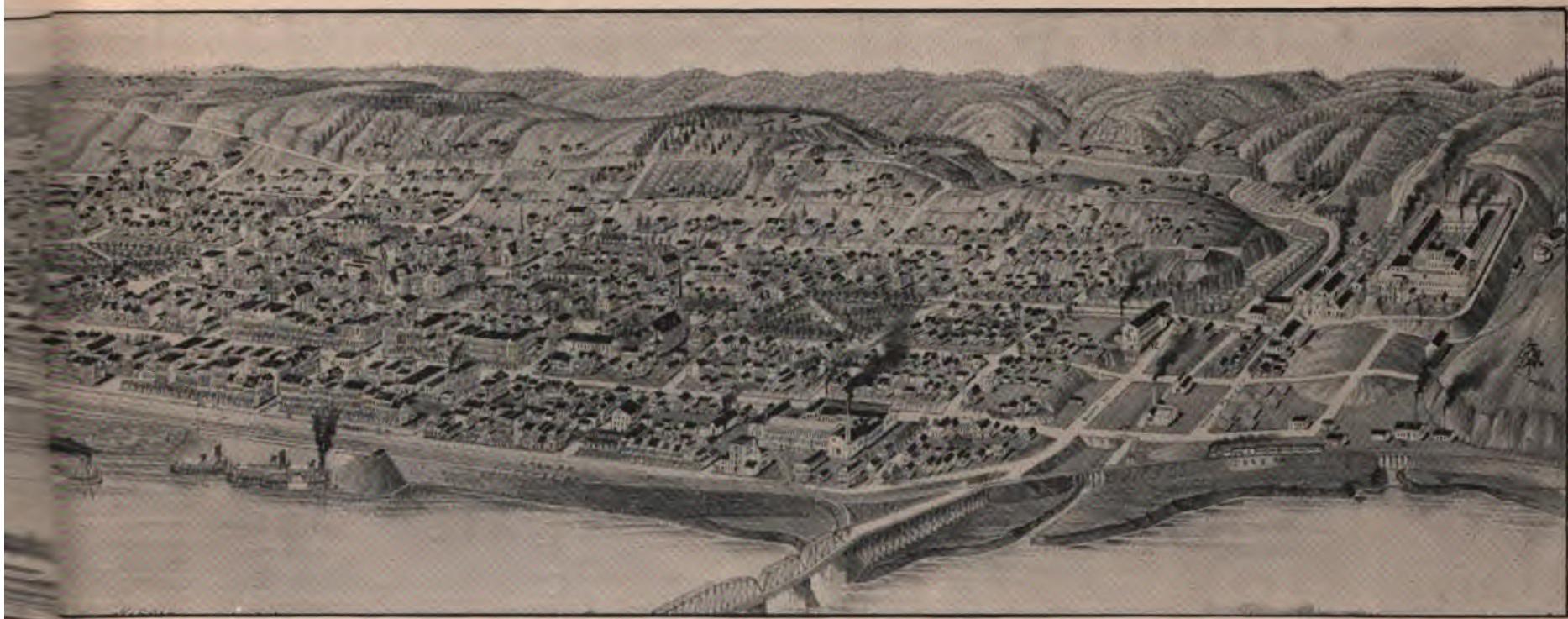
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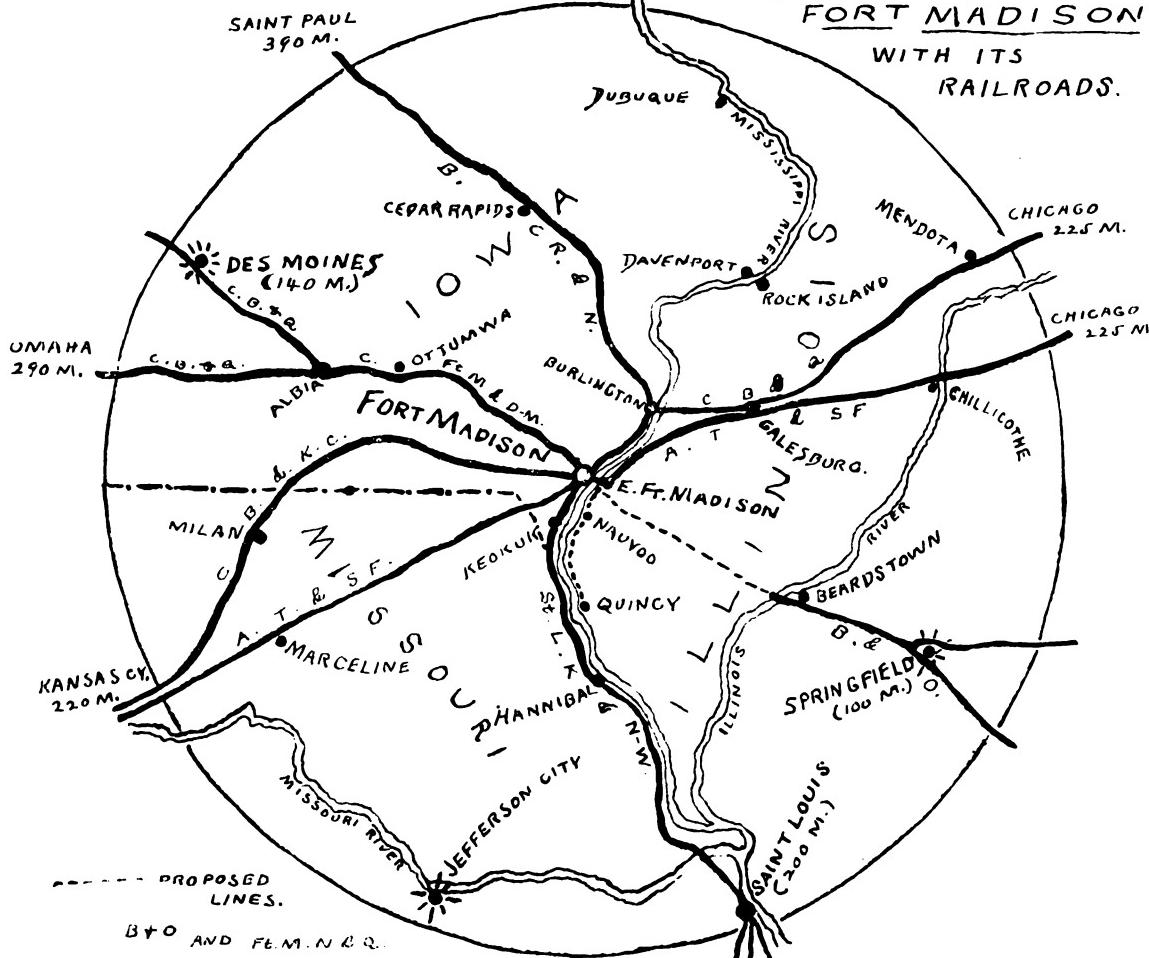
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## PREFACE.

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HAT AN EXPRESSION OF SURPRISE there would be if our earliest pioneers, long since gone, those men who chopped away the great trees where now stands a prosperous and thriving city, could walk about our streets and parks and view the change. It would be difficult indeed for them to realize that such a transformation had occurred from the time they inhabited it as a treading post with the Indians early in the Nineteenth century. They would incline to look upon Progress as a wonder worker truly. They would find no rude bark huts and Indian tepees, no bridgeless creeks and woody tract; but in their stead would see solid and handsome merchant places and houses of brick and stone, grand churches, busy factories, modern schools, well paved streets, railways, improved levees and all else that combine to make a city worthy of its scintillating sobriquet "The Gem" of Iowa. They would hear the whistles of the places of industry, of the river packets and the locomotives of an all but half a dozen railways and the rumbling of busy carts and cabs. It would not be wonderful if they would feel a little strange at what they saw and heard, and would say with Rip Van Winkle:

"Are we so soon forgotten when we're gone!"

What would the answer be from those now here to enjoy the out-come of their grand beginning? In substance this: that the seeds of civilization, sown by them upon the virgin soil of the great Mississippi valley, had grown and flourished, and that while as men their faces were not known to our great majority, they were remembered as a hardy, sacrificing band of men and women and venerated and talked of by their sons, fast aging, and their grandsons, who yet have years in which to enjoy the pleasures of life in a city, the site of which was so well and wisely chosen by their grandsires.

There are citizens among us who may not know that Fort Madison's early title was "Potowonok." The Red Man called it thus and the white descendants of our pioneers tell us that the word means "Lone Chimney" or "place of fire."

This chimney, for some years after the abandonment of the old Fort, stood like a sentinel near what is now Broadway, perhaps two hundred feet from the river shore, upon the Mississippi banks. Ere long it gave way to more necessary things and for years past nothing has been left to mark the place of the Fort but a hole in the ground, by courtesy called a well, now fast filling and dry. But the site is still there and now and then a romancer will be found inquiring the place of the Fort and he is bidden hunt the largest factory in the city. He looks just south of it and gazes upon piles of wood—material for plows. It is rather to be regretted that a small spot, at least, was not reserved for a lasting monument for this old site; but, as in many other cases, the practical obliterates the poetic and all is common ground.

The Fort was built by a lieutenant in the regular army in 1805 and history tells of many interesting scrimmages with the Indians, and an escape which deals with facts most romantic. This Fort was named "Fort Madison," in honor of James Madison the man who afterward served the United States as its Fourth President.

Before the year 1812 the Fort was thrice besieged but was unharmed; but in 1812, after a protracted fight, the soldiers were forced to abandon the Fort, setting fire to its way through a tunnel, street and railway, to the

In 1836, on July 2, Conizing the laying out of a town lots. The town of the Wisconsin Territory approved January 19, 1838. Street was the western forest of trees. Quite dif- cepting the Iowa State rison Manufacturing Com- that is important in its Cedar, a natural tenden-

In 1887 the publishers lar volume in which we tions. They were made of them have been more nine years which have expected, indeed, the city plant for manufacturing rolling stock than has de- tions were well founded stringent times upon the the Atchison, Topeka and a whole fulfillment long

will materialize the promises is a fact undoubted by those closest to the operators of America's most extensive railway.

That year and the following one Fort Madison enjoyed what is commonly called a "boom." The in-coming of the road and the prospect of the hiate erection of the largest shops of the system, caused a general stir in real estate and in building. It greatly swelled our number of in- ents as well and made things generally lively. The road's unfulfillment of its promises did little real damage, for it had accomplished much, st; the check in railroad progress coming on before too great a mass of people had found their homes here without secured employment. Consider-



PORTION OF THE CITY LOOKING FROM THE BLUFF.

*Photograph by Bell.*

buildings before they stole made under what is now a river, whence they escaped. gress passed an act author- part of the present site in- was incorporated by an act al Legislature, which was For a long time Cedar boundary, all west being a ferent is it to-day, for, ex- Penitentiary and the Mor- pany's plant, there is little business character east of cy working all things west. of this book issued a simi- find many glowing predi- conservatively and the most than verified during the since passed. Then it was was promised, a greater and rebuilding of railway veloped; but the expecta- and only the effect of the great railroad corporation, Santa Fé, has prevented ere this. That the future

ering the great in-rushing of people there was a comparative few who left, and the road and new concerns found employment for the heads of hundreds of families who located here, who have since become a valued part of our citizenship.

In 1885 the census gave Fort Madison 5,078 inhabitants, in 1890, 7,901, in 1895, 10,022. Thus it will be seen that there was a heavy gain between 1885 and '90 and a still greater increase between '90 and '95, years not included in "the boom." Fort Madison is one of the few river cities that has increased continually. It is not unlikely added 1,000 to its population nearly in the "pocket" of the great "Father of the Missouri line. About find Iowa's "Gem City." you may be inspired with seeing if we are really the you can come to us by seven. We are just 203 miles north St. Paul and Minneapolis, City, 302 east of Omaha. You can have a choice of Atchison, the Chicago, Fort and the two roads operated and Quincy, the St. Louis, and the Chicago, Burlington and the river, in width, runs east and southern frontage. It faces of Illinois and picturesque Back of the city, and above range of green-mantled at the east but the area nearly two miles in the ison is built upon a plateau

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thirty miles above you will  
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which here averages a mile  
west, giving the city a  
the verdure-clad high hills  
islands near that shore.  
it, at the east, extends a  
bluffs. The city is narrow  
broadens to a width of  
western portion. Fort Madison  
which gradually rises from the river, and while many prefer bluff residences no one is obliged to "go aloft" for a home, since the territory west is  
practically unlimited, with just incline enough to permit a fine natural drainage. While the shore edge is not over high or precipitous the river  
street (one of the most prominent) and the railroads entering from east and north are well above the highest high water mark, as is the vast terri-  
tory largely occupied by manufactoryes. Thus it is that the river rises, which annoy and endanger inhabitants both north and south of Fort  
Madison, have no effect upon the property or people of Iowa's "garden spot."



PORTION OF THE CITY LOOKING FROM THE BLUFF.

*Photograph by Bell.*

From the majestic bluffs the views are magnificent. A fair idea may be gained by the two pictures given elsewhere, taken from those directly back of the "old" town.

Our folded page shows our city in nearly its entire length, all of the most densely settled part of it. There is a portion of the "west end," and the railroad shops, which is not included.

Water is liberally piped throughout the city, and the streets are brightly lighted with gas and electricity (arc lamps), while an incandescent plant furnishes many private and public buildings. There is not a better lighted city in the west.

Its three prominent parks are the "Old Settlers'," "Central" and "Ivanhoe." These are spoken of at length elsewhere and views of them are given.

A feature of Fort Madison's beauty is its shade trees. Soft maples and elms predominate and are numerous, long lines of them being found on both sides of all residence streets. Strangers ever speak of the beauty of Fort Madison's trees and streets, and by some it has been called the

"New Haven of the West." By those who incline to look upon it in a more practical light, it has been called "the Pittsburgh of the West"—quite as busy is it, considering its size, but by no means as smoky and dirty a city.

Fort Madison's school buildings compose a feature of great local pride and its churches are likewise costly and beautiful. Illustrations of all of the former, and spires of the latter are given herein, as well as several of our finest church interiors.

The Court House is a venerable looking building which always attracts the attention of the stranger, its immense Tuscan pillars reminding one of the colonial buildings of New England. Fort Madison is the county seat of Lee, a second set of officers, presided over by deputies, being in Keokuk.

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## Fort Madison's Schools.

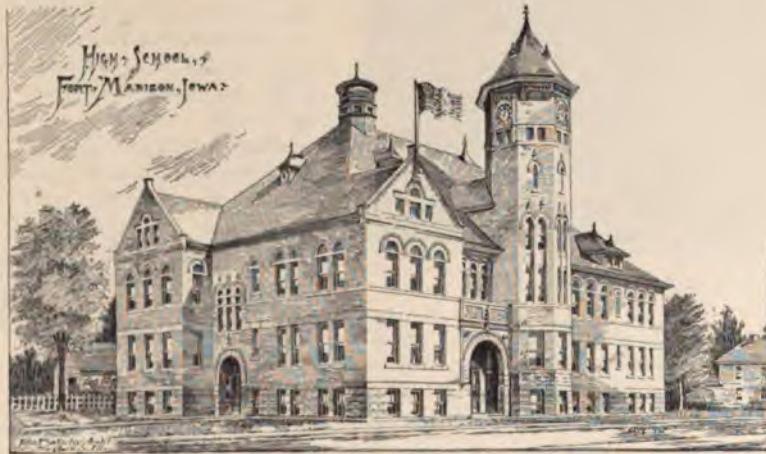
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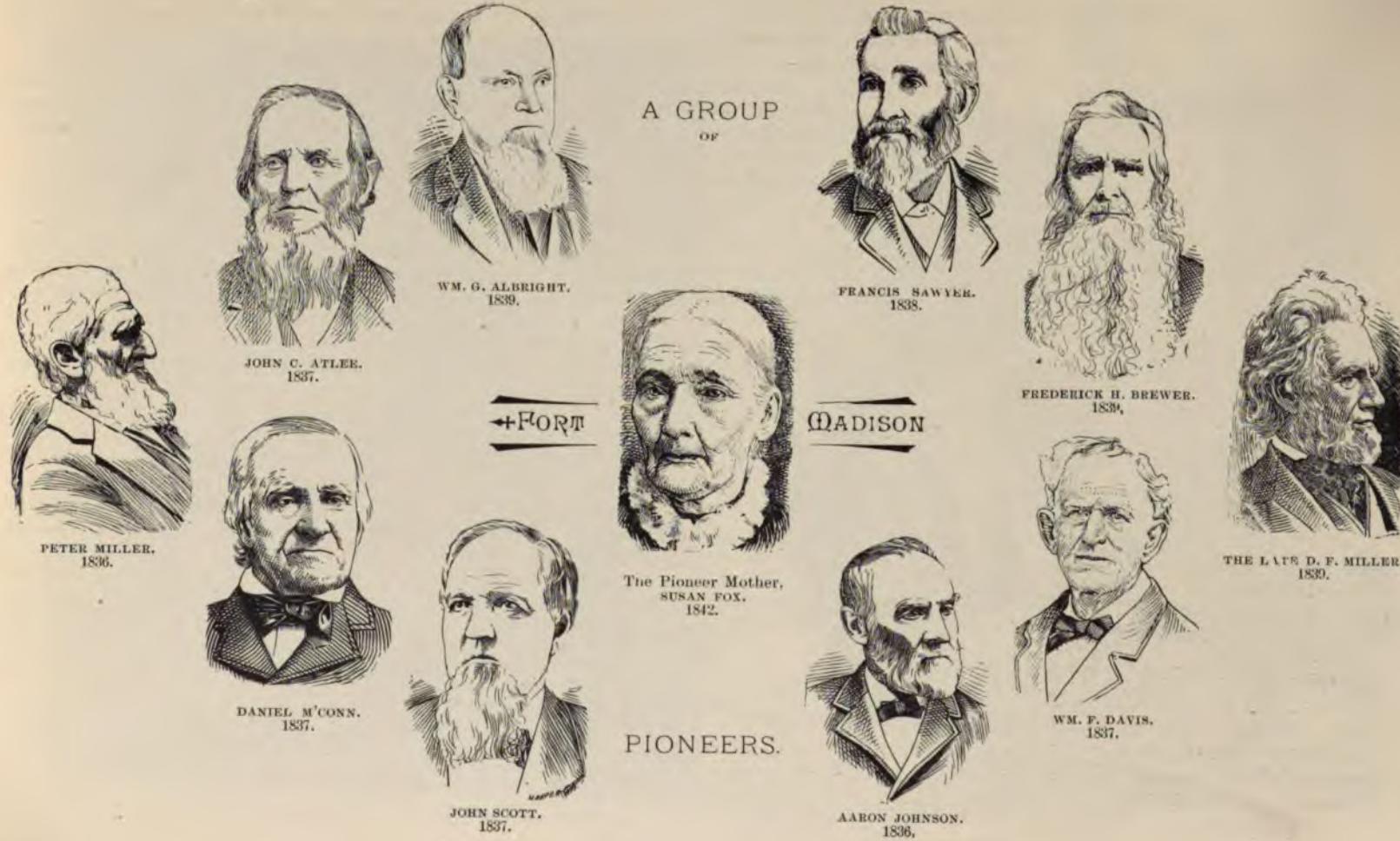
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Probably in no other department of the city's life or activities has there been such a marked improvement in the past decade as in public schools. A wonderful change has been wrought in ten years, not only in buildings and appliances but also in methods of teaching.

Previous to 1886 the city owned but one school house. This was the four room brick structure at the corner of Fifth and Pine streets, now known as the old Fifth street school building. Accommodations for several of the grades and for the high school were in rented rooms. The high school was in the basement of the Baptist church, seventh and eighth grades in the Lutheran church, corner of Fourth and Walnut streets, several of the lower grades in a four room frame structure known as the Atlee building, corner of Third and Maple streets, in the Fourth ward, and two or three primary grades in rooms rented in the southwest part of the city.

This was the homeless condition of the schools in 1886,—*only ten years ago.* In that year the Board of Education purchased the Atlee building







STATTERMOLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY BUILDING AND INTERIORS.

in the Fourth ward, paying \$2,500 for it. In the spring of the same year the district voted bonds to the amount of \$15,000 for the erection of a building for the accommodation of the higher grades and the high school. A site on Fifth street near Market was selected and a substantial six-room brick building was erected during 1886. The contract price was \$11,622, and the builder Wm. Ross.

Soon after the "Santa Fé boom" struck the city there appeared a pressing need of school rooms and teachers in the west end. Consequently, in 1889, the two four-room brick structures known as the Richardson and Union Avenue buildings were built, at a cost for both of \$11,831.

Meantime the First ward had been busy raising five-year-olds, and in 1893 the neat, modern four-room building at the corner of Third and Oak streets was erected and fitted for their accommodation.

Still the complaint was "the schools are over-crowded." The old Fifth street property was becoming unfit for school purposes, and the Atlee building had never been suitable, so when the Board, in 1895, asked for \$35,000 with which to build a modern edifice in the Fourth ward, the people gave the amount by an overwhelming vote. Into this building, the pride of the city, the high school and grades from the old Atlee and Fifth street building moved during the last week of January of the present year.

"Out of the old house, Nancy  
Moves up into the new."

And after all the bustle and excitement of moving were over, what citizen of the city, standing in the broad halls of the new house, would not be constrained to exclaim: "What a change for the better in ten short years! Around the old house pleasant memories cling, but the old house has served its time. This is better, vastly better!"

In methods of instruction, there has been great improvement over old ways, and today the work done in the public schools of Fort Madison will compare very favorably with the best work done in the best schools of the state.

The discipline is excellent and has been pronounced by visitors the best they have ever seen.

A diploma won in Fort Madison's schools today admits the holder to the Iowa State University without examination, certainly a compliment to the thoroughness of our schools.

During the past decade the following named superintendents have had charge of the schools:



LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING, SECOND WARD.

Mr. Webb, 1885-'86; Mr. Jones, 1886, to fill part of term; Mr. Campbell, 1887-'91; Mr. Dye, 1891-'93; Mr. Morrill, 1893.

Among the citizens who have served the schools in the capacity of directors may be named the late Judge Casey, Judge Pease, Judge Doerr, Sabert M. Casey, A. J. Windmayer, Peter H. Frailey, Stephen Schier, J. R. Kendall, J. T. Reeves, F. B. Kent.

The present board is composed of F. B. Kent, President, and Geo. D. Hutchison, J. W. Ehart, B. C. Davis, A. H. Stempel and W. B. McAshan, directors.

Of these, Mr. Kent is serving his third term as director and third year as president of the board. He is a broad, liberal minded man, one who has the interests of the schools fully in view at all times. With such as he as directors, the schools of our city cannot fail to go on and on in their career of usefulness to this and future generations.

Parochial schools are a feature of the Catholic parishes of the city—St. Joseph's, St. Mary's and the Sacred Heart all operating them. They are taught by the sisters of the church and are supported by the churches. They are well attended and excellently disciplined.

#### JOHNSON'S BUSINESS COLLEGE.

This thriving Commercial and English Training School has had an uninterrupted run of nearly seventeen years under the direction of its founder and owner, Prof. Nelson Johnson. Book-keeping, penmanship, stenography, banking and collateral subjects are made a specialty. Several moves have been compelled, owing to the demand for increased facilities and more room. This school now occupies an entire floor of the handsome Marquette building and is modern in all its appointments.

#### SCHOOL OF DANCING.

Prof. Chas. H. Salisbury conducts a school of dancing in the Cutler Hall, classes in both youths, misses and adults.

#### OTHER SCHOOLS.

There are several instructors in the arts of sewing, painting and embroidery and a number of young ladies constitute a self-organized cooking school.

## Fort Madison as a Place of Residence and Health.

The Mississippi runs westerly at Fort Madison and the city is situated on the north side, on a plateau that is about ten feet above the highest water mark. The bluffs north of the city are about 175 feet high, well sodded with grass or covered with natural growth or planted trees and a few dwellings. The plateau, from the bluffs to the river, descends slightly, so that it makes surface or under drainage easy and complete. The soil is sand and sandy loam, which insures dryness and freedom from mud. This, and the fact that the river banks are entirely clear from swamps and marsh, makes Fort Madison the most healthy city of the west. The writer has lived here thirty-seven years, pursuing the practice of medicine, no severe epidemic of any disease. the farmers on the prairies suffer serious epidemics of typhoid fever, &c., Fort Madison has had only deadly diseases, and the few we seldom fatal. We add to the causes sanitary condition that we have very quantity, on digging from twelve to reservoir plan, also furnish us all uses. Outside the main business with Maples and Elms, which adds fort and welfare of our citizens. our Board of Health, says: "The air is excellent through its natural as have been made under the direction of pure well water and that furnished have four artesian wells which furnish population with drinking water in all kinds and which are not only which are palatable as well as truthfully boast of being free from well as of contagious diseases." Fort Madison is surrounded by most alluring spots for huntsman, pic-nic lover, or the disciple of Izaak Walton. The many dikes of government building about the islands near, and the bays, make fishing a delight and of considerable profit to those who seek the finny tribe for mercantile delivery. The prairies of "Green Bay" and the sloughs all around afford retreats for wild turkeys, prairie chickens, quail, snipe, squirrels, rabbits, &c., and in season the report of powder is frequently heard, many hunters going in parties, ploughing around the waters in launches until they find a pleasant place for tenting. Sailing and rowing form a summer evening pastime and recreation. Ice yachting skating are healthy and invigorating pleasures. West Point, shady Denmark and historic Nauvoo are reached by pleasant suburban drives.



PINE STREET LOOKING NORTH FROM SECOND.  
*Photograph by Bell.*



PROF. C. H. MORRILL.  
SUPERINTENDENT OF CITY SCHOOLS.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

There is some uncertainty as to the introduction of Methodism into Fort Madison, owing to the fact that no correct record has been kept. The "Circuit Rider" found his way to this city, however, as early as the Spring of 1839. In 1841 it formed a part of a large circuit and in 1842 the first Methodist church was built, the site being the place now occupied by Hon. Samuel Atlee's artesian well, on Market street. In 1843 it was made a station. The writer is unable to ascertain who first preached Methodist doctrine in this city, but in 1842-3 Rev. Wm. Simpson, and that famous "Backwoods Preacher," Peter Cartwright, preached at regular appointments. Rev. I. B. Nichols was the first preacher after it became a station, 1844-5. There have been in all thirty-six pastors. In 1874 the

## Fort Madison's Churches.

It is gratifying to know and to state that while Fort Madison has rushed along most progressively in things important to the financial interests of her citizens, she has made great and becoming improvement in her temples of religious worship. Few, if any, cities of her size in the west have a greater number of religious bodies and church edifices, or more zealous workers, or more beautiful and costly structures. Our group of towers and spires, elsewhere shown, and the several interiors herein pictured, will convince any stranger that the writer is most truthful in making these assertions. With two exceptions each denomination has a permanent home, and one of them (St. Paul's Lutheran) is soon to have one in the west end of the city. The Christian denomination, a large and determined body, will, it is predicted, ere long build a modern and beautiful church home.

### FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

In 1835 Methodism was officially introduced into Iowa at Burlington and "Du Buque." Iowa was then a mission and continued as such until 1839, when it formed a part of the Illinois Conference. In 1840 it was thrown into the Rock River Conference. The General Conference of 1844 formed the Iowa Annual Conference.



JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING, FIRST WARD.  
*Photograph by Bell.*



CHARLES W. CRUIKSHANK.  
PRINCIPAL OF HIGH SCHOOL.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

sturdy and intelligent mechanics and road men of the Santa Fé system. It has never been a mission church, was self-supporting from the beginning, and has contributed largely to the benevolences of the general church. Rev. J. N. Dewell was the second pastor, serving two years. Rev. W. N. Hall succeeded him, and the present pastor, Rev. A. E. Buriff, Ph. D., was appointed to this charge in September, 1894. The church membership now numbers one hundred and fifty-seven, with twenty-three probationers. Notwithstanding the financial disasters of the past few years, which weigh especially upon the upholders of this church enterprise, the debt has decreased to \$1,000, all obligations have been met and the outlook is bright.

first parsonage was purchased at a cost of \$1,200, more than half of which was realized from a legacy in the will of one Mrs. Claypoole. In 1887 the property on Market street became too small to accommodate the congregation and a new church building was undertaken, resulting in the erection of the fine brick structure, corner of Fourth and Pine streets, at a total cost of \$9,000. The congregation and membership have steadily increased, there being a total enrollment of two hundred and ninety-six members at present. The present pastor is Rev. John C. Willits, having been reappointed in the fall of '95 for his second year.

SANTA FE AVENUE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

This church was organized in the year 1890, its first pastor being the Rev. Geo. Schlenker, at that time a student in the Garrett Biblical Institute, at Evanston, Ill. At the Conference held Sept. 2, 1891, he reported forty-five members and an equal number of probationers, a comfortable brick church building valued at \$4,500, with an indebtedness of \$1,700 thereon. The struggling church has been prosperous, being favored as to location, it being the only Protestant church in the Fifth Ward, which a late census shows to contain nearly one-third of the inhabitants of the city; and fortunate also as to the character of the people among which it is placed, the



JEFFERSON PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING, FIFTH WARD.



FRANK B. KENT.  
PRESIDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION.  
*Photograph by Bell,*

are employed. An interior view will be found elsewhere.

#### HOPE CHURCH (EPISCOPAL).

In 1854 Hope church incorporated its charter (on March 25), the Rev. Wm. Adderly being the first rector. Edward Johnstone and Wm. A. Thurston were its first wardens. Of the seven who constituted its first vestry but two are now living, Wm. G. Albright and James M. Layton. Like the thirteen original states that was the number of families which constituted its charter membership. A steady, constant growth has marked its history and almost incessant, during the past twelve years,

#### THE UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

This church was organized in March, 1838. The Rev. James A. Clark was the first pastor. The first edifice, on Third street, between Pine and Market, was begun in 1844 and completed two years later. It stood till 1884, when the corner stone of the handsome new edifice was laid on the same lot. It was dedicated, free of debt, in September, 1885. Its cost was in all, \$16,000. Lawrence B. Valk, of New York, was the architect. The ladies of the church have placed in it a fine organ costing \$2,000. An auditorium seating three hundred and fifty persons, opens into a Sunday School room capable of seating two hundred more. The rooms are handsomely frescoed, heated by steam and lighted by gas. There are also a class room, pastor's study, a kitchen and large entrances. The beautiful windows are all memorials, or gifts. The Rev. Geo. D. Stewart, D. D., who superintended the building of the edifice, is in the twentieth year of his pastorate. It is called the Union Presbyterian Church because of the union of the Old School and New School organizations, begun in 1858 and completed in 1860, forming one new organization under this name. This fine edifice is always pointed out with pride to the visitor, whatever the creed of the "guide." It is a great credit to the city and congregation. Mrs. M. Rix is organist here and talented solo musicians



RICHARDSON PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING, FIFTH WARD.



REV. WM. K. BERRY.  
RECTOR OF HOPE.

dedicated on December 8th, of the same year. It is a most prosperous church, and much of its prosperity is due to the energetic work of the priest. A priest's home, costing about \$3,000, is opposite, and a parochial school is conducted in a portion of the church building. Within a few years' time a more shapely church is to be built, when this one will be exclusively used for school work. The number of families upon the church roll is 150, while 170 pupils constitute the school roll. This church is located corner of Union avenue and Des Moines streets.

ST. JOSEPH'S (CATHOLIC).

This church was founded in 1847. The old edifice was used until December 21st, 1886, when the fine new church, built under the direction of the Rev. L. DeCailly, was dedicated to the worship of the Great Omnipotent. Close attention has been given to detail in architecture and it is one of the

has been its architectural improvement. About ten years ago it was remodeled, under the rectorship of the Rev. Dr. M. A. Johnson, at a cost exceeding \$3,000, a pipe organ and new gas and electric fixtures being a part of its new furnishings. Later was built, upon its lot adjoining, a fine ten-room brick rectory, handsome and modern. During the past year a commodious vestry has been built which affords additional seating capacity to the extent of a hundred or more, making an accommodation for about four hundred and fifty. This capacity is invariably taxed to its fullest upon feast days when the elaborate services, with orchestral accompaniment, attract people of all creeds. The church and rectory are connected. Hot air is used for heat. The windows are of cathedral glass and are memorials. The chancel furnishings are the most elaborate and expensive of any protestant church in the city. The choir is a vested one, numbering forty-five men and boys, and is aided by an auxiliary choir of prominent lady soloists. The choir is under the direction of the rector, Rev. Wm. K. Berry and the organist is Dr. I. R. Campbell. The church has several very active guilds. The present wardens are Mr. Ekin Smith and Mr. E. F. Potter. A view of the chancel is shown on this page. A bell has just been added to the tower.

SACRED HEART CHURCH.

This thriving church, pictured elsewhere, was organized by the present priest, the Rev. Father Peter Hoffman, July 7, 1893, and the erection of the edifice was commenced on the 18th of the same month. Its cost was \$8,500. The corner stone was laid, with most impressive ceremonies, in which Bishop Cosgrove participated, August 13th, of the same year. It was



CHANCEL AND CHOIR OF HOPE CHURCH (EPISCOPAL).  
*Photograph by Bell.*

finest church buildings west of the Mississippi. Its interior is a perfect harmony and its exterior is symmetrical and beautiful. The walls and vaulted ceiling are frescoed in light tints and there is enough gold-leaf used to heighten the effect. The church is commodious and well appointed; is lighted with gas; the windows are of stained glass and very rich in appearance; a splendid pipe organ rests in the loft. The cost of erection was between \$14,000 and \$15,000, although the clear building could not be rebuilt for less than \$20,000. It is prominently situated on Third street, between Cedar and Elm, and is proportionately the most churchly church in the city. The Rev. Father DeCaily is priest over St. Joseph's congregation and resides in a modern residence near the church and a part of its property. Miss Georgia Espy is organist. A view of St. Joseph's sanctuary is to be seen elsewhere within these pages.

#### ST. MARY'S (CATHOLIC).

Late in the fall of 1865 the first step was made toward the erection of a new church, Rev. Father Werkmann, of St. Joseph's church, being the pastor at that time. The large lot, corner of Vine and Fourth streets, was then secured and foundation work was commenced at once.

In 1866 the corner stone was laid. The cost of the church complete was \$40,000, but many more thousands have since been added. It was "under roof" in 1868, and in 1870 work was taken up on the interior. On January 1st, 1871, the church was dedicated by the Rev. Father Orth, now of Keo-

kuk, then pastor of St. Joseph's. Bishop Hennessey appointed the well-remembered Rev. Father Aloysius Meis, who commenced his pastorate on February 10th, 1871, being the first regularly appointed priest for the church. Under this father's direction the first spire was built in 1874. This towered 226 feet above the foundation and could be seen for miles in all directions. In the cyclonic disturbance of July 3d, 1876, it suffered demolition, the entire roof and a \$4,000 organ being destroyed also, together with much else. The total damage was not less than \$20,000. Rev. Father Meis was a man of unusual energy and commenced the work of rebuilding at once. Soon the immense church was completely restored. A new organ replaced the old one in 1879, and the present finely carved altars were placed in the church in 1881, as well as the steam heating apparatus.

The death of the good Father Meis occurred in 1887, and he was succeeded by the Rev. Father Peter Kern, the present pastor. In 1890 the tower and spire were rebuilt at a cost of \$7,000, and the soft buff walls gave place to a more costly and more magnificent decoration in 1892. The cost of this work was \$2,500, and the elaborate windows, depicting scenes in bible history,

were later put in at a cost of \$3,000. St. Mary's church is one with an unusual history and one of exceptional money value. St. Mary's congregation in 1893 numbered between four and five hundred families. It was divided in that year (for convenience sake) and a new congregation made



RESIDENCE OF THE LATE JUDGE J. M. CASEY.



REV. PETER KERN.  
PRIEST AT ST. MARY'S.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

church. Later they erected, adjoining the church, in the rear end of it, a small parsonage. For some reasons this congregation did not grow in number and strength during twenty-one years of its existence. In the spring of 1892 there remained about twenty members. These thought it wise to change both church and Sunday school services from the German to the English language. Hence application was made to the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod of the Lutheran church in America; the same being mainly an English speaking body, and a progressive people every way. As a condition to receiving aid for the support of a pastor, from said Board, they adopted the constitution and by-laws of the General Synod and connected them-

the Sacred Heart its home. The Rev. Father Kern is a tireless worker and his undertakings are ever backed by his determined congregation. We publish a view showing the interior of this great church—one of the finest in the west. Prof. Ignatz Bergmann is organist.

ST. PAUL'S ENGLISH EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH.

In the year 1871 a small German Lutheran congregation was organized in Fort Madison, which at once proceeded to buy a lot on Third street, opposite Central Park, and built a small frame

selves with one of the district synods of that body, known as the Iowa Synod (English).

The Board of Home Missions commissioned Rev. John F. Seibert missionary for this congregation. Mr. Seibert took charge Aug. 1, '92. During his pastorate there was a steady growth in membership. When his ministry here was brought to a close, July 1, 1895, there were about sixty members in regular

standing. Immediately after Rev. Seibert's resignation, the retiring pastor, the council and the President of Synod corresponded with Rev. Wm. J. Funkey, the present pastor and missionary, who was secured and was on the ground when Rev. Seibert preached his last sermon. The church continues to move forward under the present leadership, as the members, nearly all, are loyal and true to their church and pastor, in the payment of dues conscientiously, and in their devotions to God and his cause in general. The members of this congregation, now eighty in number, nearly all reside in the center and western portion of our city. The old building being too small, besides there being no Protestant church in the center of the city, the congregation sold the old church property, 912 Third street, on April 15, 1896, and the same day purchased from Mrs. Van Valkenburg the beautiful corner lot of fifty



REV. PETER HOFFMAN.  
PRIEST AT SACRED HEART.



THE LATE REV. ALOYSIUS MEIS,  
FIRST PRIEST AT ST. MARY'S.

feet, corner of Hanover and Des Moines streets, Mrs. Van Valkenburg giving them, in addition, the adjoining fifty feet for a parsonage, free of charge. The building of a commodious brick church is now under contemplation. At least the chapel part is likely to be finished this fall. The attendance at public worship on the whole has a healthy growth. The Sunday School also is on the increase. Mrs. James Strahan is at present the superintendent and is doing a good work. During their exodus the congregation enjoys, through the kindness and courtesy of the A. O. U. W. Lodge, the use of their large and well furnished hall on Front street for all their regular Sunday services, until their new place of worship is ready for dedication, after which it is believed that St. Paul's, under the blessings of the Heavenly Father, will enter a new and better era and into the brightest period of her existence.

#### THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

This large church, which stands at the corner of Third and Market



RESIDENCE OF DR. JOHN DOWNS.



RESIDENCE OF DR. C. F. WAHRER.

streets, was built about the year 1859. While not so modern as some of the others, its seating capacity is large, its ceiling high, and the walls and ceiling finely decorated. It will comfortably seat seven hundred, with room for three hundred more. A splendid basement is used for prayer and special meetings. Notwithstanding the damage to the church, resulting from two heavy wind-storms, it is in complete repair, presenting a fine appearance, and is free from debt. Its original cost was \$14,000. A modern home for the pastor is a part of the property. Rev. F. C. Laslett is the present pastor.

#### THE GERMAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

This German Protestant congregation was organized June 2, 1848, under Pastor Rev. Ankele, with about fifteen active members. Services were held in the school building of W. Werner, on Second street (now the Hotel Montandon), also in different private houses, and in the old Presbyterian church. In 1850 the congregation bought a lot on Walnut street, from

Jos. Webster, for \$50.00, and built their first church for the sum of \$775.00, the contractor being G. Ellwanger. The congregation grew so that it was necessary to build a second and larger church. For this purpose the lot directly north of the old church, corner of Fourth and Walnut streets, was purchased for \$160.00, and in 1864 the church was built at a cost of about \$4,500.00. The first parsonage, adjoining the church, was built in 1868, costing \$1,110.00. In the noted storm of 1876 the church was damaged, but through the energy of Pastor John Wettle, assisted by the elders, the congregation repaired the building for \$818.00. During the pastorate of Rev. Wm. Schlinkmann, in 1885, the church building was completed by the erection of a tower, including a bell, for the sum of \$700.00. On the 4th of July, 1890, the building was damaged by fire, caused by fireworks, to the extent of \$175.00, and also struck by lightning in 1892 and damaged to the extent of \$125.00. During the administration of Rev. C. Schauer, the present pastor, a pipe organ was purchased at a cost of \$1,000.00. In August, 1893, the congregation concluded to erect a new parsonage on the ground occupied by the old church (built in 1850), and did so at a cost of \$2,500.

The old parsonage is used for special meetings by the different societies in the congregation and for holding school. The church has a membership of about one hundred and twenty; a Ladies' Aid Society with one hundred and three members; also a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor with fifty members. The Sunday School has one hundred and fifteen members and eighteen teachers, and owns a German library with about six hundred volumes.



RESIDENCE OF B. B. HESSE.

#### THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

The Christian Church, of Fort Madison, was organized April 10th, 1892, with twenty-four members. Rev. T. A. West, the first pastor, was called for full time June 19th, 1892. During the three and one-half years of active work there have been two hundred and seventy-six members added, and about \$3,500 paid out. The church has a lot and a building fund of over \$400. It hopes to be able to procure and pay for another lot in a very short time and then arrange plans for a church building to cost from \$10,000 to \$12,000. The church is, and always has been, self-supporting, no help having been obtained from mission boards. The present pastor is Rev. A. N. Lindsey.

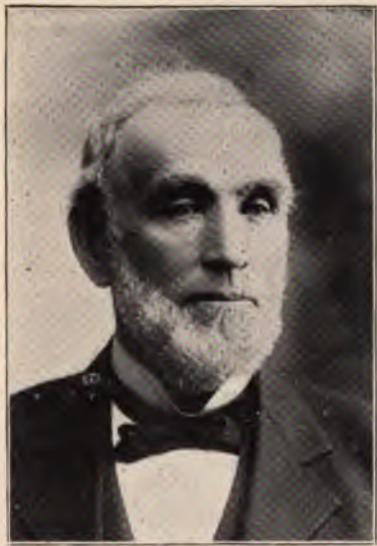
#### THE THIRD METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

This congregation, composed of a quarter hundred of our Afro-American citizens, has just established a church on Third street, east of Oak. It starts most prosperously under Rev. J. W. King, a graduate of the Galesburg, Ill., schools.

#### THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH.

This church is the oldest colored denomination in the city. Several pastors have officiated during its life and the church edifice, on Market near Fifth, has been the place of uninterrupted worship for many years. The Rev. Brown is present pastor.

In connection with the mention of the two churches of the colored citizens it is pleasant to note a fast increasing membership in both denominations. The gentlemen in charge of the respective flocks are deserving of great credit for their good and efficient work.



OTWAY CUTLER.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

given a great deal of the time from the three great pumps located at the foot of the hill near the river shore. One of these pumps has a one and one-half million gallon capacity per twenty-four hours, another two million and another three million. Recently the entire machinery has been renewed, new boilers having been added and the building greatly enlarged and improved. The city rents one hundred and thirty-three hydrants which are located along thirteen miles of mains. This affords excellent fire protection. A reasonable rate is offered to private consumers and all new residences include water arrangements and many old ones have been furnished with them.

#### ARTESIAN WELLS.

Besides the Water Company's plant there are no less than five artesian wells, owned by private individuals and corporations. These wells are driven to a depth of between eight and nine hundred feet, where a strong flow of water is found. It forces

## Fort Madison's Fire Protection and Water Service.

There is nothing more desirable in a city than the existence and proper operation of a good water service. Both for the health, convenience and comfort and for the protection of the citizen and his property is this a necessity. Few cities of the size of Fort Madison can boast of a more excellent system. The Fort Madison Water Company has given evidence of its desire to do all possible to make its system a complete success and has succeeded in so doing barring one feature which it seems slow in awakening to the need of; but which it must in the near future—the use of a filter. During the greater part of the year an abundance of clear water (from the river) is furnished; but there are months when the condition of the water all but forces one to believe that we are living near the mouth of the Missouri. Fortunately these months are few. The system, generally speaking, is good and is sufficient for fire protection at all times. The plant was erected in 1885. Two reservoirs are located upon the high bluff east of the city, the two being the largest west of the Mississippi river excepting those at St. Louis. One has a capacity of 10,500,000 gallons, while the other will hold 4,000,000 gallons. These large reservoirs are continually used, direct pressure, however, being



RESIDENCE OF OTWAY CUTLER AND GEO. H. SMITH.  
*Photograph by Bell.*



INTERIOR OF ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

## Street Paving and Improving.

A few years ago there was an inauguration of a street paving boom which was not pushed as rapidly as it should have been, particularly when the excellence and cheapness of the paving is considered. Nevertheless our city possesses one and three-fourths miles (fourteen blocks) of hard brick paving, which represents an outlay of \$60,000.00. These blocks are on our city's principal business thoroughfares. The pavement is well built, a course of brick being laid flat upon a course of sand, topped by a second course of sand, which is overlaid with the surface brick laid on edge. Substantial stone curbing edges each paved block. The last contract for paving

its way out with such strength that in the extensive Atlee lumber yards the water is used for fire protection, two-inch nozzles throwing at great height and with sound force. The Paper Mill is furnished with water for its operation from its private well. One of these wells is located upon the handsome lawn of Mayor Samuel Atlee. Besides affording a delightful aquatic sight it furnishes water for a street fountain, for a lake and fountain in Central Park, for a "horse and man" fountain on a prominent business corner and neighboring dwellings owned by Mr. Atlee and his venerable sire. It is quite likely that the state will, ere long, have a well sunk for use at the penitentiary—a most sensible indulgence—and residents about the Old Settlers Park would willingly aid the city in furnishing that park with one, doubtless an indulgence of not far distant time. A well at Ivanhoe Park supplies a large crystal lake for that pleasure resort, and one at the Santa Fé Hospital affords a lake proper clear water there. The water is of medicinal quality, both sulphur and iron being properties; but it is not sufficiently strong to be offensive to the average taste. It is evident that the great subteranean lake which supplies these wells is inexhaustible, since the boring of new wells in no manner decreases the flow of those already flowing so grandly and steadily.



INTERIOR OF ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH.  
*Photograph by Bell.*



A. C. ROBERTS, M. D.  
EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR DEMOCRAT.

was let at the extremely low price of \$1.26 per square yard, and curbing at 54 cents per lineal foot, making the cost of both \$2.22 per front foot. Recently Santa Fé Avenue has been cindered at a cost of \$400.00, a decided improvement to that much used thoroughfare. The "parking" and improvement of residence streets has been a subject much discussed, and should receive immediate aldermanic attention. Gravel is findable in plenty in Illinois, opposite, and within a few seasons, at a moderate cost, our already beautiful streets could be very greatly improved.

SEWERS.—Until within the immediate past few years little attention was paid to city sewerage. This neglect was likely due to the excellent natural drainage and the fact that the streets were in a natural condition and unimproved. Then, too, before the existence of the excellent water system there was little call for anything more than cesspools, which were generally constructed upon "almost any old plan." But with the modern street and introduction of water into homes and places of business came a demand for sewers, in consequence of which today over five miles of sewers, varying from eight to twenty-four inches, underlie our streets, some of which are paved. They represent a cost of \$37,000.00. Main sewers are laid north and south, generally reaching from Fifth street to the river, down a natural fall. Into these empty sub-sewers from alleys. These are tapped by property owners as desired. It is very seldom that flushing is required since the surface drainage of clear water keeps them fresh and open. It is doubtful if any city in Iowa has a more sanitary sewerage system than has Fort Madison. The Board of Health never finds them cause for complaint.

## Fort Madison, Its Railroads and Railroad Interests.

Fort Madison is most fortunate in its railroads. Beside being an important point upon two of the world's greatest systems, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, it is the main division, or eastern, terminal of the Chicago, Fort Madison & Des Moines.

When the great "Atchison" built its Kansas City-Chicago extension several Mississippi River points were considered for the one for the crossing of the "Father of Waters." Fort Madison offered many inducements. Its natural lay and fitness for a prominent division was one and the public spiritedness of its generous citizenship was another. Then, too, it was about on the "air line" between the two cities, and better than all else a wise body of men possessed a bridge charter which was gladly given the company for the asking. At the time of the road's building the manage-



INTERIOR UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

ment—a most hopeful one—contemplated the establishment of the finest and most expensive locomotive erecting and car building shops of the west. It contemplated this in good faith and expended thousands of dollars in shaping the great railroad acreage in the western portion of the city for the buildings, plans being drawn and contracts being let for their erection. Then came a financial crash, changes in the official staff, and with it all a retard in the work and, latterly, a stop. Several large buildings had, however, been erected and furnished. Later the repair shops from Streator, Ill., were removed here, since which time much repairing, but comparatively little erecting, has been done. That an increase of the financial strength of the company will eventually mean the completion of the original plans is undoubted. Many are the reasons for this belief. The early thousands expended in the substantial beginning is one of them, and the eventual need of the immense shops as planned is another, while yet another is the midway location between Kansas City and Chicago and the comparatively light cost of operation at such a favorably situated point as is Fort Madison.

From some statistics recently furnished us we are enabled to state that the shops and round house now give employment to three hundred men. Sixty engineers and five more firemen reside in Fort Madison, which makes the pay roll consist of four

hundred and twenty-five names. Each month the road pays out to its shop employ's here \$11,000.00, while \$6,000.00 are paid out to its resident engineers and firemen every thirty days. Twenty passenger and thirty freight engines are in service in and out of Fort Madison, while three switch engines keep things busy in the yards.

The motive power for the extensive number of machines, lathes, planers, drills, etc., all of the latest make and pattern, is furnished by four large boilers and three Corliss engines. A large air compressor has lately been added, furnishing power for the many special tools that are operated by air. The yearly output is ninety engines that receive general repairs, many engines being sent here from west of the Missouri river for this purpose.

The planing mill and car yards are the most extensive in Iowa and are fully equipped with the latest and most modern wood-working machinery and special tools operated by air, and are great labor-savers.

In 1895 there were 8,386 freight cars repaired, and 39 way cars rebuilt.

There are thirty train crews (ninety-nine men) located here who receive \$7,200.00 each month. The bridge and building department, of which E. McCann is general foreman, employs nearly a half hundred men, all of whom reside in Fort Madison and who jointly receive \$3,000.00 per month. Joseph Shea, general foreman of the water service depart-



CHURCH AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOL OF THE SACRED HEART.

*Photograph by Bell.*



HON. JOHN D. M. HAMILTON, ATTORNEY.  
of the freight and passenger station at foot of Chestnut street.

MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT.—James Collinson, Master Mechanic; Chas. W. Wincheck, General Foreman; Wm. C. Peyton, Chief Clerk; John C. Lester, Stenographer; John F. Sturgeon, Timekeeper; Chas. L. Wilcken, Clerk.

MACHINE SHOPS.—Chas. Fruehling, Head Machinist; Chas. Schuholtz, Head Machinist; Frank Swanson, Head Machinist. 31 Machinists, 7 Machinist Apprentices, 23 Machinist Helpers, 1 Coppersmith, 2 Tinniers, 10 Laborers.

BLACKSMITH SHOP.—R. Congden, Foreman. 6 Blacksmiths, 17 Helpers.

ment, employs half a score of men who receive \$700.00 each month.

Division Roadmaster James Wade (Fort Madison and Marcelline Division) resides here with over forty men, who increase the amount of monthly pay \$1,200.00; and thirty men in the station and yard force receive \$2,000.00 each month.

The following is a roster of the officials of the several departments, in addition to those already mentioned and

W. H. McCune



SABERT M. CASEY, ATTORNEY.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

BOILER SHOP.—John Mespelt, Foreman. 5 Boiler Makers, 21 Helpers. CAR SHOP AND PLANING MILL.—Ben. G. Miller, General Foreman; Gardner E. Davis, Foreman Planing Mill; John Schlemmer, Foreman Carpenter Shop; Matt. Willers, Foreman Repair Track. 30 Carpenters, 45 Car Repairers, 12 Laborers.

PAINT SHOP.—L. J. Kistler, Foreman. 4 Painters, 5 Helpers.

ROUND HOUSE.—James Warner, Foreman. 10 Machinists, 16 Helpers, 1 Blacksmith, 1 Helper, 1 Boilermaker, 4 Helpers, 17 different occupations, 2 Hostlers, 14 Wipers.

Fort Madison is not a "Q" division end, but it is a prominent shipping point of the splendid system and furnishes a goodly sized quota of passengers for the north, south, east and west. The St. Louis, Keokuk and North western and the Chicago, Burlington & Kansas City are each

roads of the system upon which Fort Madison is fortunately located. The city has a feeling of veneration for the "Q." It came earliest in the city's history and has proven a faithful carrier, keep-



GEORGE B. STEWART, ATTORNEY.  
*Photograph by Bell.*



RESIDENCE OF HON. CHAS. DOERR.

ing close in the hearts of our citizens even when the newer corporations found their way within our city's gates. O. E. Newton is the local representative of the road.

The Chicago, Fort Madison & Des Moines is most successfully operating between Fort Madison and Ottumwa, a distance of seventy-four miles, with every prospect of ere long being pushed through Des Moines and to Sioux City. It is splendidly equipped and solidly built. It is the outgrowth of the Fort Madison & Northwestern, a narrow gauge built by Fort Madison residents in 1878. Several years ago it was bought by the present owners, a limited number of capitalists, who are successfully operating it as a standard gauge road. It runs through a most productive territory and will some day be a great trunk line from the northwest to the east. Mr. E. F. Potter is the General Manager, and Mr. G. D. Hutchinson is Superintendent. The general offices and repair shops are located in Fort Madison.

A view of the upper railroad yards (lucklessly made at an hour when there was little stir) will be found elsewhere. It shows our stations, which are neither prides of the roads nor the city; but which promise to give way to modern structures when fortune grins into the coffers of the several roads.

#### PROSPECTIVE RAILROADS.

Among the railroads in prospect is a connecting line from East Fort Madison to Beardstown, Illinois, the present western terminus of the Baltimore & Ohio. There is also a road surveyed from East Fort Madison to Quincy, Illinois, via the old Mormon town, Nauvoo. And yet another is there between East Fort Madison and Rock Island. Capitalists are interesting themselves in these proposed lines and it is reasonable to believe that within a few years at most they will be built.



RESIDENCE OF HON. JOHN D. M. HAMILTON.

## Fort Madison Electric Street Railway.

The Fort Madison Street Railway Company was organized June 2d, 1887, to run fifty years, the incorporators being, Howell Jones, W. E. Harrison, Joseph A. Smith, J. W. Campbell, H. F. Benbow, J. B. Morrison, Geo. E. Davis, H. W. Dodd, Frank Heer, J. Theodore Stoevener, D. A. Morrison, Isaiah Hale, A. C. Roberts, C. H. Peters, Jno. Van Valkenburg, J. H. Duffus, John Downs, Geo. H. Schafer, James T. Ritchie, Edwin D. Smith, John Schroeder, Chas. Doerr, Thos. Smith, W. E. Brown and C. J. Montandon.

The first Directors were J. B. Morrison, James T. Ritchie, Howell Jones, W. E. Harrison and Chas. H. Peters.

The first Officers were J. B. Morrison, President; W. E. Harrison, Vice President; Howell Jones, Secretary; Jas. T. Ritchie, Treasurer and C. H. Peters, Ass't Treas.

The line was completed and in operation early in July of 1887, the motive power being mules. The line was operated by animal power up to the summer of 1895, when it was changed to Electric. J. B. Morrison acted as president until June 1st, 1892, at which time he tendered his resignation and D. A. Morrison was elected to succeed him. When the change was made to electricity, D. A. Morrison and Chas. H. Peters bought up the stock until

they hold now eight hundred of the one thousand shares and control and operate the line. Before commencing the work these two gentlemen made a tour of inspection of a number of towns and cities that were operating first-class plants, to get what information they could, and now after nine months'

experience feel that they have made no mistake. While in Saint Paul they secured the services of Mr. E. R. Mitchell as electrician, and he proves to be a good selection. The track is constructed with fifty-six-pound steel rails, the Brill truck, the Westinghouse motor being used, and the cars were made to order by the Wells-French Company, of Chicago, and would be a credit to any line in a larger city than Fort Madison. The line makes a point near the Iowa State Penitentiary its eastern terminus, while Ivanhoe Park, a beautiful natural tract of land, located four miles west, is its western terminal. This park is provided with a summer theatre, an artesian well, fountain, lake, pavilion and refreshment stands and is lighted with electricity. The road starts at the Penitentiary at the east end of Fourth street, lies west on Fourth to Broadway, south on Broadway to Second, west on Second to Cedar, south to Front and for a long distance west on Front to Union avenue where a southern turn is made, it again



EXTERIOR EBINGER GRAND OPERA HOUSE AND EBINGER BUSINESS BLOCK.

*Photograph by Bell.*

lying west on Santa Fé avenue—in all over four miles. There is also a stub line which reaches the railroad shop district. The road makes a

most convenient mode of transit through the long city and is well patronized on ordinary days, and particularly so on excursion days, the attractions at each terminal warranting everyone making the trip. Trailers are used on days compelling it and good time is made, fifteen minutes being the usual intervals and less when necessary. The road passes all railroad stations and boat landings. Great credit is due its owners for their excellent management and efficient service to the general public.

## Mississippi Packet and Excursion Boats.

That great natural artery of drainage and commerce, the Mississippi river, is so well known to the tourist that little need be said of its importance. It has always been a subject of writer and author, of prose and verse; historic in the extreme. Fort Madison is fortunately located upon



IVANHOE PARK, SHOWING ARTESIAN FOUNTAIN, BAND STAND AND LAKE,  
AND THEATRE AT LEFT. *Photograph by Bell.*



A WALK IN OLD SETTLERS' PARK.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

this great waterway, which links the great North with the South and the grand Gulf of Mexico. For many years prior to the building of the railroads it was the boats of this stream which brought to and carried from Fort Madison its settlers, residents and visitors, as well as its provisions and merchandise. While the building of the great roads has greatly turned necessary travel to the rail there has always been a steady tourist travel in summer, which is gradually growing each season. A very great increase in river touring is predicted for the present summer season. The Upper Mississippi affords scenery equal to that of the famous Hudson, and the Minnetonka and White Bear districts, of Minnesota, are fast growing in popularity with tourists.

Three finely built steamers are in the Diamond Jo Line, between St. Louis and St. Paul, they being the St. Paul, Pittsburgh and Sidney, the latter having been wholly reconstructed during the past season of dockage.

These splendid packets leave Fort Madison every Thursday and Sunday evening for St. Paul and the north, and every Tuesday and Saturday for St. Louis and the south. A packet leaving Thursday evening arrives in St. Paul Monday morning. The fare for the round trip is \$20.00. The packet leaving Tuesday night for the south arrives in St. Louis Wednesday night, the round trip fare being \$10.10. The table fare on these boats is unusually good. During the season a large freight business is done, Fort Madison being one of the best shipping points and one which ranks high in the receipt of freight.

The Ottumwa Belle, a new boat last season, the property of S. & J. C. Atlee, makes Saturday trips from Dallas City, arriving at 10 a. m., and returning at 4 p. m. It is also in the excursion business. Wm. Enderle is captain.

The S. R. Van Metre, D. Walter Wishard owner and captain, runs



RAILROAD TRACKS AND STATIONS AT A QUIET HOUR.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

between Fort Madison and Keokuk on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and between Fort Madison and Burlington on alternate days, Sundays excepted. May be leased for excursions.

The Lorna Doone, owned by Capt. Asa B. Woodward, is in the towing and excursion business. The several boats have pleasure barges and many summer evenings find boats and barges filled with pleasure-seeking people, musicians and refreshment venders.

Launches, row and sail-boats are securable and summer evenings find them all engaged by river lovers. Excursion and musical parties and those who make rowing and canoeing an exercise invariably find opportunities by daylight and moonlight to indulge in such delightful sports upon the great water.



HON. CHAS. DOERR.  
EX-REPRESENTATIVE FROM LEE.

## The Athletic Club Grounds.

Thirty-four acres of suitable ground, just west of Ivanhoe Park, are now being made ready for the use of the several field clubs of the city. Upwards of \$2,000.00 will be necessary to complete the grounds and an incorporated company has a capital stock of \$5,000.00. The ground is reached by an extension of the Electric Car Line. A commodious amphitheatre is to be built. A horse and bicycle track, baseball field, cricket and tennis court, golf ground, target ground and all else that is usual in out-door diversions will be a part of the tract. A combination of the various clubs interested point toward a most successful accomplishment of a long and much desired object.



CAPT. H. J. HUISKAMP.

*Photograph by Bell.*

## Our City Parks.

"God made the Country  
Man made the Town."

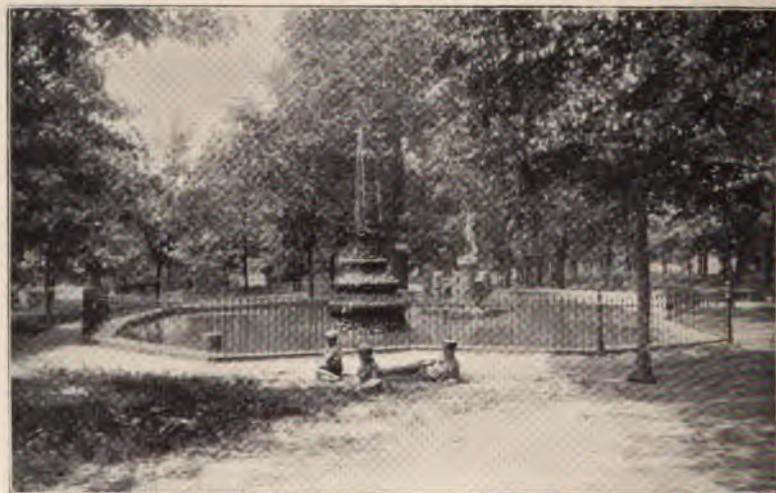
So writes a poet; but in the making of Fort Madison the Great Director evidently inspired the builders to place at least three "spots" of country in the city and everyone is the happier because of it.

In the eastern part of the city, surrounded by residence streets, is Old Setters' Park, called so because it was the earliest laid out, and because it has been the scene of so many annual gatherings of the Pioneers and Old Settlers' Association of Lee county. It is regularly set with elms and maples and the aged trees give forth a foliage that makes summer sun a rarity upon the green sod below. It is paved from corner to corner and along each street. A handsome fountain and band stand are features. A picture elsewhere shows a walk and entrance from Third and Elm streets.

Central Park, located four blocks west, is also bordered by residence streets, and is something of a contrast with the first mentioned, in that it is shaded by many kinds of trees irregularly set. This beautiful park is not so old as is the Old Settlers', but it is even more artistic. A lake of crystal artesian water is surrounded by a pretty iron fence, and upon a palm covered island in the center stands an ancient Norman castle. In one end plays a fountain. Its crystal jets shoot high in the air from the bill of a swan and fall like silver beads upon the placid water of the lake. A drinking fountain furnishes artesian water. A band stand, of unusual artistic design, is here found also. The picture here shown presents the lake mentioned looking west.

Both of these parks are seated with comfortable benches and are lighted with gas in the evening and night. Upon occasions of Old Settlers' and Soldiers' Reunions, and other festal days, they give place for the enjoyment and recreation of thousands of citizens and visitors. Beneath the canopy of leaves lie white spread tables laden with all sorts of good things, these being generally operated by church societies.

Ivanhoe Park, a natural tract of about twenty acres, is located on the line of electric railway, and is the place of visitation for all strangers and a resort for citizens generally. It is owned by the street railway company and is at present conducted by C. H. Salisbury, who is noted for his management of excursions, out-door fêtes, and theatres, into and in Fort Madison. This park is shaded by a mixture of trees, including many oaks. There is an artesian lake of good size and pavilion at one end approached by a bridge. This is used for band concerts. A flowing well



ARTESIAN LAKE AND FOUNTAIN, CENTRAL PARK.



DR. M. L. GEISER.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

29,000,000 feet. Fort Madison has been called the "King Lumber City of Iowa." Messrs. Atlee, Barnett & Kraber were the first to establish mills here, doing so as early as 1856. Both of the present existing firms own extensive acreages of northern pineries, and the logs are towed down the great river in rafts to this point where they are made into lumber. Each company has its own rafters, which are modern in machinery and equipment as are their mills.

A feature of the mills are the departments for turning out doors, door and window sashes, window blinds, etc., as well as extensive shingle mills.

Both yards are provided with side tracks from the various railroads and with abundant moorings for their boats.

Mr. S. Atlee is manager for S. & J. C. Atlee, while W. E. Brown is manager for the Knapp, Stout & Co., Company.

supplies the water for the lake and for the hundreds of people who visit the park. A new summer theatre is a feature of this pleasure resort. It is a building of good size, the general style suggesting a pleasure palace of the Mikado's Empire. It seats about eight hundred and has a neatly equipped stage with ten sets of scenery, sufficient for the production of most plays. This pleasure hall was opened May 28th, by the Clint G. Ford Dramatic Company in "The American Hero." The present summer is the first for the regularly conducted Park, and it promises to be a success in every way. The Park is enclosed and is lighted with electricity. Refreshment stands are at hand. It is very popular with picnic parties and music lovers, many Summer evenings being devoted to band concerts.

Fort Madison is a most accessible city and is one which attracts thousands of strangers each Summer; the Prison, the Parks and its neighboring resorts being inducements to those who would have a pleasant outing.

## As a Lumber Point.

Among the several Mississippi River cities, reckoning lumber as a prominent industry, Fort Madison marches in the front rank. Formerly three extensive concerns handled the business at this point, the Fort Madison Lumber Company, the S. & J. C. Atlee Lumber Company and the Knapp, Stout & Co. Company. During the past few years the last two mentioned firms have had entire control of the business. To give something of an idea of the business done at this point we are enabled to state that in 1895 from the two great concerns 8,646,948 feet of lumber was distributed in Fort Madison. There was cut during that year



COUNTY COURT HOUSE.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

## Public Lighting.

A feature of Fort Madison remarked by all who visit the city out of "the moon season" is the very thorough manner in which its streets are lighted. Added to eighty-six twelve hundred candle-power arc lights, swung at street intersections, are one hundred and twenty gas globes, mounted high on graceful posts. These are found on corners and in localities where the arcs are not, and midway in blocks as well. The electric lighting is done according to the Philadelphia Moon schedule, while the gas burns on an "all night" contract, three hundred and sixty-five nights a year. Approaching Fort Madison from the bluffs north, or from either direction from Illinois, upon a dark night creates a never-to-be-forgotten impression, the city resting on the great river's Naples like curve, revealing a sight of scintillating splendor.



FOURTH STREET LOOKING WEST FROM PINE. *Photograph by Bell.*



THIRD STREET LOOKING WEST FROM MARKET.

*Photograph by Bell.*

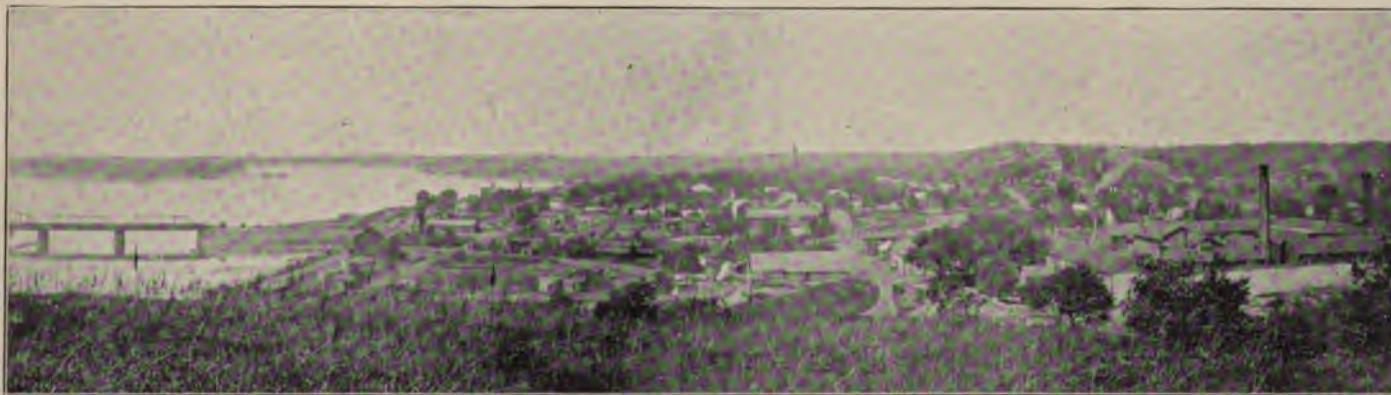
## Private Lighting.

The Fort Madison Electric Light and Power Company, which has the contract for public lighting and street car power, supplies many public places and private residences with arc and incandescent light service. The Fort Madison Gas Company, with over seven miles of mains, likewise supplies residences with light and fuel-gas, selling illuminating gas at \$1.50 per thousand feet, and fuel gas at \$1.00 per thousand feet. This company manufactures a superior quality of water gas and many residents find its fuel gas cheap and most desirable for kitchen and grate use. About twenty-five thousand feet are consumed daily. This plant also lights many public buildings. It was built in 1885, and is constantly being improved and extended to supply the increasing demand for its product.

## A Place for Factories.

There are excellent reasons why Fort Madison is a particularly desirable place for manufactoryes. Geographically it is more than well located. It is especially favored by natural position. The Mississippi edges the city along its entire front, and while easily accessible by levees it never, in its highest times, overflows its banks, making the almost unlimited acreage in the western part of the city very desirable for the location of factories. The "lay" of the main lines of the several railroads

and industrial places now here and the many which may come in the future. The Business Men's Association is continually in receipt of letters of inquiry, and its Secretary gladly furnishes all information desired regarding the city. Fort Madison numbers among its factories some of the most noted in the west. The Iowa Farming Tool Company, manufacturers of all kinds of farm and garden tools, also ox yokes, is one of them. The goods of this firm are found on both sides of the Atlantic. The Morrison Manufacturing Company is an institution famed for its agricultural implements and fine plows. These goods have helped make Fort Madison



VIEW OF FORT MADISON LOOKING WEST FROM RESERVOIR HILL WITH PENITENTIARY AT RIGHT. *Photograph by Bell.*

entering the city permits the cheap construction of side tracks. There are no grades and no necessity for bridges. The acreage here, purchasable at a low price, all adjacent to the various roads and short house-tracks, is all that is needed to make the shipping facilities perfect. Material for building is cheap and the cost of labor is reasonable. The mills afford inexpensive scrap pine fuel and coal mines near make harder fuel cheap. Electric and water power may also be had. Freight rates are ordinarily low and all, in fact, is favorable for the many factories

known in other countries than America. The Fort Madison Chair Company is a flourishing institution and its fine goods have a general sale north, south, east and west. The Fort Madison Iron Works manufactures car wheels and has large contracts for several roads. Two large lumber firms are spoken of elsewhere. The city has two or more foundries, a bicycle factory, of which Chas. Ohaven is proprietor; steam and gas engine factories, box shook factory and a barrel factory. The large paper mills operate extensively, turning out quantities of straw paper, while



B. B. HESSE.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

ably are less than those of outside competitors. The two lumber firms, during 1895 furnished material for over three hundred buildings in Fort Madison and the contracts of the present year are considerably ahead of the number of '95 at this time. More Fort Madison citizens own their own homes than in any city of its size in the state.

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There are several quarries near about us, on the Illinois shore, which furnish an abundance of common limestone, magnesian limestone and sandstone, each unexcelled for building purposes. Its nearness and cheapness combine to make it available. We are surely fortunate in possessing these geological strata so near at hand.

carpet paper and stair pads are also made. There is also a fruit can factory and soap works. Beside those mentioned there are other establishments which make large annual outputs of goods. We have made no effort to enter into detail in these descriptions in any respect, leaving a great deal to be learned by inquiry, and have not made our article on factories an exception.

There is a good opening here for many lines of manufacture and a welcome and an encouragement at hand for those who desire to locate.

In this connection it is desirable to state that there is a good opening in Fort Madison for a wholesale grocery, there being a large retail trade in the city and many small towns near which are within the legitimate patronage of Fort Madison.

Fort Madison has a first-class flouring mill operated by Geo. B. Jackman, successors to the Potowonok Milling Co., an institution of years of most reputable standing.

## A Cheap Place to Build.

factories may be erected at less cost than at Fort Madison. Extensive stone quarries are near at hand, within five miles of the city, in Illinois where superior foundation and "trimming" stone is found. There are several brick manufactories, for both rough and pressed brick, and the mills sell both rough and dressed lumber and sashes, doors and blinds at very reasonable figures. Labor, too, is not expensive and bids from local architects invariably

There is no city in the west where residences, business blocks or



FRONT STREET LOOKING WEST FROM PINE.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

## The Loan and Building Association.

No factor is greater or of more benefit in the upbuilding of a city than a well organized and properly operated Loan and Building Association. It makes the possession of a home a thing possible for any man who is endowed with perseverance and blest with ordinarily good health, thus being the indirect cause of untold happiness, for the ownership of a home is truly the cause of contentment and prosperity. As has been before stated there is a very light per cent of Fort Madison's citizens who occupy rented homes, the great majority of them residing in their own homes, "bought and paid for," or in homes which

are gradually becoming their own through a systematic payment. This fact is greatly due to the existence of the Fort Madison Loan and Building Association, an institution organized in March 1879, and which commenced business May 1st, 1879. During the seventeen years of its active life four hundred and twenty-two homes have been built,

the total amount of loans being \$307,950.00, or an average cost of \$730.00 per house. These figures prove its usefulness in our city and its prosperity. By an arrangement

for patronage of this association, together with the cheapness of building material and labor in our city, the new comer, or older resident, may easily secure a good home and in a city which each year proves more desirable as a place of residence. The present officers of the Association are: Chas. H. Peters, President; Henry Stellern, Vice President; J. W. Albright, Secretary; W. R. Timpe, Treasurer. All loans are made by and under the supervision of five directors—D. J. ROSS ROBERTSON, CITY ENGINEER.

A. Morrison, F. H. Wilken, W. R. Kennedy, Henry Helling, Charles Haessig. Letters of inquiry sent to the secretary will be cheerfully and carefully answered.



T. H. JOHNSON, CITY ATTORNEY.  
*Photograph by Bell.*



J. W. ALBRIGHT, CITY CLERK.



*Photograph by Bell.*

## Business Men's Association.

There is in existence in Fort Madison an association of business men which is doing good work for the city. It is composed of the city's most active business men with Geo. H. Schafer as president and F. C. Ottawa, secretary. The meetings give rise to the general discussion of affairs of interest and benefit to the merchants, manufacturers and citizens generally. The association is ever desirous of receiving propositions of outside capitalists or investors and gives to them consideration.

## Musical Societies.

"O music! sphere descended maid,  
Friend of pleasure, wisdom's aid;  
Where is thy native simple heart,  
Devote to virtue, fancy, art?  
Arise, as in that elder time,  
Warm, energetic, chaste, sublime!"

Few cities of its size are possessed of better musicians, or a greater number of them, than is Fort Madison. It may be said, too, that there is seldom found a greater interest in organized effort for the betterment of music and musicians than here exists.

For years music was here studied by individuals with no attempt at organization for its pursuit, but of late years several organizations have been either working for harmonious results, or mental improvement, or both.

Prominent among the organizations is the Maennerchor, a society for the study of song and perfection of harmony, composed of a large corps of German-American citizens. These gentlemen are under the direction of Prof. Ignatz Bergmann, a gentleman well schooled in music and a most capable instructor.

Two years or more ago there was organized the Musical-Literary Club, which forms a branch of the Musical-Literary Society of which



PARLOR AND MUSIC ROOM OF CAPT. H. J. HUISKAMP'S RESIDENCE.

*Photograph by Bell.*

W. M. Derheck, of Chicago, is the originator. The same exists in neighboring cities; but few there are indeed which possess such a record as does this one. The club has not missed a meeting since its organization, and every alternate week of the season has found seventy-five or more cultured musical people participating in the study of a great composer and his works, or giving audience to the illustrators who furnished the program. Thus have music and composer been intelligently studied. The club having now exhausted the programs assigned is awaiting the fall of '96 for reorganization upon a basis of local arrangement, perhaps, or any desirable plan for the furtherance of the good work so much enjoyed in the past. Mrs. Joseph C. Hart was the club's first president, who, resigning, after efficient service, was succeeded by Miss Georgia Espy, who retires by expiration of time. This splendid organization has done more for the stimulation of music than anything ever undertaken; its early work closes with all members enthusiastic for future similar pursuit. It has been the means of furnishing for our city the appearance of several prominent artists in concert occasions during the past two seasons.



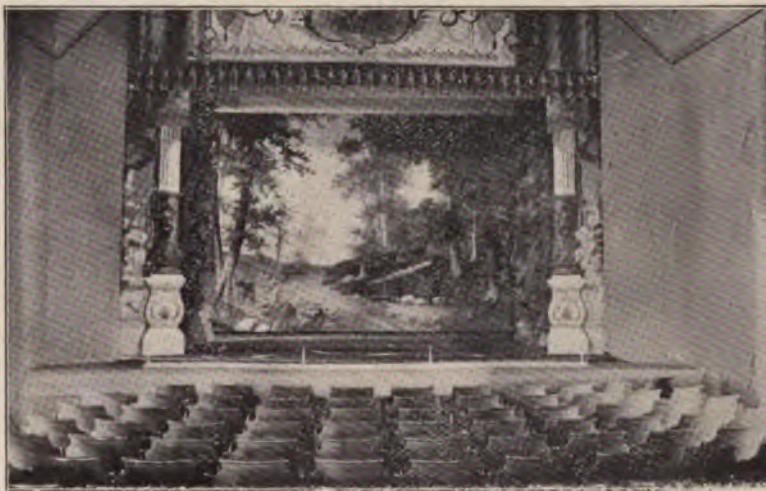
ALFRED SOMMER, PROFESSOR OF MUSIC.  
DIRECTOR PHILHARMONIC CLUB.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

The Philharmonic Society, organized in the fall of '95, is under the direction of Prof. Alfred Sommer, a thorough student in music and an artist of exceptional ability, and the presidency of J. C. Ehart. This society numbers about one hundred members and is divided into two classes, the juvenile and adult. The membership fee is but fifty cents a month and this fee entitles the member to class

instruction in both vocal and instrumental, either in orchestra or band. Private lessons are also given at a very light cost. Besides, the holder of the ticket and his family may enjoy, free of cost, the concerts of the society. The society is operated by a regular board and officers, composed of prominent business men of the city. Its home is in the Marquette Auditorium. Much good is being done by this ambitious society.

Prof. W. D. Halle and Miss Kay M. Spencer have classes in vocal study in the city. Both are competent teachers.

There are several choir clubs and quartet organizations, which need not be mentioned individually unless, perhaps, it be that directed by the Rev. W. K. Berry, of Hope Church (Episcopal), which is regularly organized for the study of music as well as the enjoyment of making it.



STAGE AND AUDITORIUM OF THE MARQUETTE, THE HOME OF THE  
PHILHARMONIC CLUB.  
*Photograph by Bell.*



W. D. HALLE,  
PROFESSOR OF MUSIC.  
WITH STUDIO AT AUDITORIUM.

The Fort Madison Electric Railway is extending its line from Ivanhoe Park to Athletic Park, one half mile west.

The Ohaven Implement Company is turning out a high grade bicycle which equals any made. It is daily increasing in popularity, and deservedly so.

The publishers are indebted to a number of our city's most beautiful young ladies for accepting a request for a pose for the cover page of the ILLUSTRATED.

## Theatres and Halls.

Fort Madison has had a gradual up-hill climb in its theatres and places of public amusement. The writer has recollections of "Albright's Hall," which formed the third floor of an old building on Front street near Cedar. It was a place with a seven-foot ceiling, and local entertainments were here held upon improvised stages in early years of the city. Then a newer building, now the Schafer block, on Front street, gave room to "Miller's Hall" which served "local talent" and an occasional visiting organization, such as the "Berger Family" and other "families." The old court room of the County Court House was also used occasionally for theatrical entertainments. The building of Concordia Hall was an inspiration given by the successful organization of a German social club named Die Harmonie Verein. This play house was used for a score or more of years by the society as well as by several reputable English speaking dramatic clubs; but was the regular home of the former. It was not the most commodious auditorium in the world; but it is doubtful if any place in any town or hamlet ever gave room for greater pleasure or more good-fellowship. Behind the foot-lights of its contracted stage has many an ambitious amateur spoken his lines; nor was it always the auditor's fate to listen to amateurs in this house, for many noted actors and actresses of the day have given forth their mimic grief or laughter behind those very kerosene lamps. Like "the pensive old piano" it is



INTERIORS OF F. S. KRETSINGER'S RESIDENCE.



now remembered most fondly by many people "for the good that it has done." This house served the public for many years uninterrupted as a play-house until a few years ago when it found a competitor in the "Bennett Opera House," a place of somewhat larger proportions, reconstructed from a rink. These two places of amusement shared rentals until the latter was burned on June 15, '91. In 1893 Mr. Edward Ebinger, who was the owner of the burned building, replaced the old

structure with a handsome modern theater, a picture of which may be seen elsewhere. The structure is built of brick and iron, a St. Louis buff brick being used for the front. The theatre is known as "The Ebinger Grand" and Mr. Ebinger is sole proprietor, with Chas. H. Salisbury as lessee and manager and Mr. Carl E. Stoeckle as treasurer. The theatre is built on the ground floor and has a balcony, gallery and four proscenium boxes and balcony loges beside. The stage is 60x40 feet (an illustration is given elsewhere, taken by flashlight during the performance of "Eight Bells") with an opening of thirty feet. The seating capacity is 1,000. The finish of the theatre is most artistic, a soft pearl tint with much work in white relief, tipped with gold. The building of this handsome new theatre, which is a credit to Fort Madison, has attracted many first-class combinations since its opening. The theatre is lighted with gas. The city is regarded as a good "show town" by the theatrical profession generally.

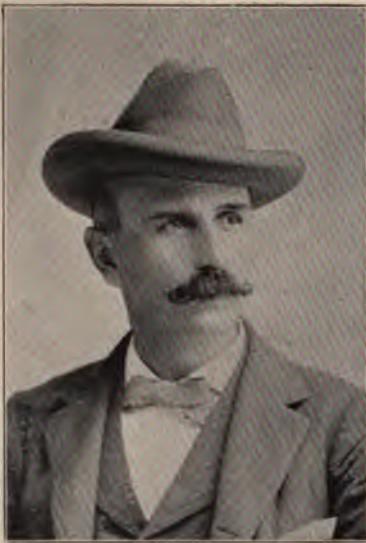
The building of the Marquette, with its pretty auditorium, and well appointed stage, added a most desirable place for musical and amateur performances. About 500 can be accommodated here. The stage, while not large, is stocked with scenery from Sosman & Landis and is one of the finest lighted in



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the west, electricity being used with many modern effects. There are several large dressing rooms. The Marquette is the home of the Philharmonic Society, an organization of one hundred people, Prof. A. Sommer being its head. This pretty hall was opened Nov. 9, '95,



CHAS. H. SALISBURY, MANAGER  
EBINGER GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

*Photograph by Bell.*

by local talent. It has been used by professional companies. A picture of the Marquette and of the pretty stage and auditorium is given elsewhere.

The theatre at Ivanhoe Park is referred to elsewhere, in the park references.

St. Joseph's and St. Mary's churches have halls where their respective dramatic societies entertain.

There is the Nickel Plate Dancing

Parlor, Heady's Hall and the A. O. U. W. Hall (and theatre), the new hall of the Odd Fellows, Concordia Hall and those of the Armory of Company F, the Commandery of Delta, the G. A. R. and Castle K. P., which are used for dances and social gatherings.

The greatest number of illustrations shown in "Illustrated Fort Madison," including the library, are from photographs made by I. A. Bell, the well-known photographer. This gentleman has taken great care and pains to make his part of the work artistic and has succeeded most admirably. He has a handsome display advertisement elsewhere, the subject of the portrait shown being the clever actress Anna E. Davis. Mr. Bell also photographed the group of young ladies who give greeting to the many readers from the cover page.



INTERIOR OF EBINGER GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

*Photograph by Bell.*



B. B. HESSE, JR.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

The Western Union Telegraph Company affords good service and has its up-town office in the Ehart block, near the banks. It has private lines into the commission brokers' offices. Fort Madison has been promised the Postal Telegraph line; but as yet it has not found its way into the city.

The city has three express companies, the Wells-Fargo, Adams and American. They combine to make safe and quick carriers.

## Fort Madison and Illinois Railroad and Wagon Bridge.

Prior to the year 1887 the residents of Hancock county, and the many who moved from east to west, crossing the river at Fort Madison had to do so by ferry; but in this year one of the finest steel bridges on the river was completed. Many years prior to its erection a company formed and procured from the government a charter. Upon application from the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé Railroad Company the holders surrendered it, upon certain conditions. One of them was that the builders erect and maintain a roadway on either side of the railway portion, also that it permit the crossing of other railroads, which might in future desire to cross, upon payment of proper toll.

The bridge is 1,925 feet in length, there being ten stone piers; 1,000 feet of trestle work form an approach on the Illinois side. There is a right and left roadway on either side of the railway. They are screened by shutters. Mr. Octave Chanute was the chief engineer. Sooysmith & Co. had the contract for the substructure while the Union Iron Works, of Athens, Penn., had that for the great superstructure.

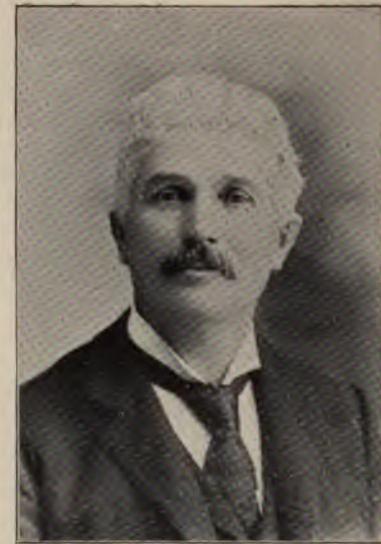
The huge draw, for boat passage, is operated by a steam engine located aloft midway on the draw span.

This great bridge has a good patronage and is made one of free toll on celebration days. An illustration is seen on this page. J. B. Morrison, of Fort Madison, is local director of the bridge company.

Fort Madison was laid out by John H. Knapp, the venerable sire of the late John H. Knapp, of the well-known Knapp, Stout & Co. Company, who now rests in the earth of the city cemetery. The first house in the city was that for years used by the late Charles Frank, corner of Broadway and Front. It was used as a general store and is, with its low, wood-beamed ceiling, still in use by J. L. Krieg, who operates a bakery and store. If the walls could speak they would mystify the hearer by "talking injun," for Black Hawk, Keokuk and many of their tribes were often tradespeople here.



ATCHISON, TOPEKA & SANTA FE (MISSISSIPPI) R. R. AND WAGON BRIDGE.



H. H. SCHELL.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

The new half-tones shown in this volume are from the very reputable Geo. H. Benedict & Co., Chicago. The publishers are under personal obligations to the firm for business courtesies shown in its satisfactory handling of the large contract.

## Interesting School Notes.

The total number of different pupils enrolled during the school year 1894-95 was 1,407, of which 700 were girls and 707 were boys. The number enrolled during the school year '95-6 will be considerably greater than this. The number belonging at the present time, June 1, is about 1,250 and the average daily attendance about 1,200. The last school census taken in August, 1895, showed a total school population of 2,903, of which 1,429 were males and 1,474 were females. By wards the school population, as by last census, was distributed as follows: First ward, 405; Second ward, 438; Third ward, 392; Fourth ward, 806; Fifth ward, 862.

The schools now employ, in addition to the superintendent, thirty-one teachers and principals distributed as follows:

Richardson school, Principal J. S. Stewart and three teachers.

Union Avenue school, Principal C. R. Lamb and three teachers.

Jackson school, Principal Margaret Frailey and three teachers.

Lincoln school, Principal John McCulloch and five teachers.

High school building, Principal C. W. Cruikshank and eleven teachers.



H. B. HAMM.  
*Photograph by Bell.*



ED. M. ROBERTS, BUSINESS MANAGER  
EVENING DEMOCRAT AND COMPILER  
OF ILLUSTRATED FORT MADISON.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

Miss Nannie Davis, supply teacher.

There are fourteen teachers employed in the parochial schools of the city.

There are 565 pupils in attendance at the parochial schools of the city.

There are 104 pupils in attendance in business and private schools and four teachers employed.

The teachers and pupils are divided as follows: Public schools, teachers 32, pupils 1,250; St. Joseph's parochial, teachers 4, pupils 100; Sacred Heart, teachers 5, pupils 170; St. Mary's, teachers 5, pupils 295; Johnson's Business College, teachers 4, pupils 104.



H. W. LEWIS, SOLICITOR FOR ILLUSTRATED FORT MADISON.

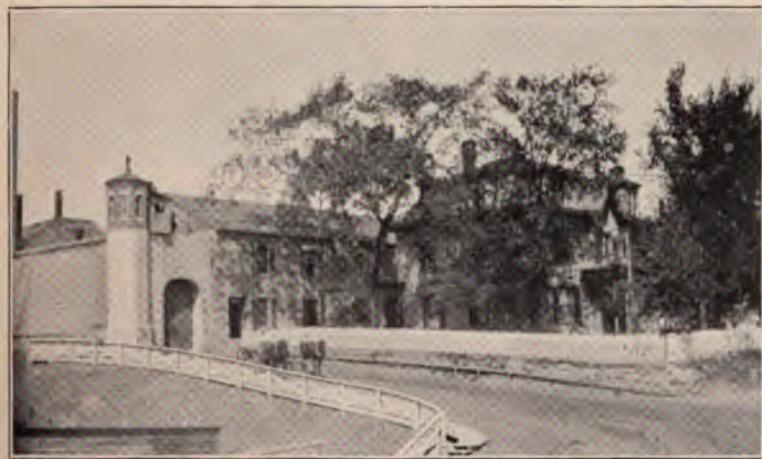
A diploma won in Fort Madison's schools today admits the holder to the Iowa State University without examination, certainly a compliment to the thoroughness of our schools.

THE GOVERNMENT CANAL.—This fine piece of engineering commences at a point fifteen miles below our city, extending nine miles south along the Iowa shore. A pleasant daylight trip, and one often indulged in by our people, is a ride through this great canal. Its three great locks and the scenery along the river on either side are both wonderful and beautiful.

## The Iowa State Penitentiary.

The oldest and principal penal institution of Iowa is located in the east end of Fort Madison and is easily seen by passengers by both rail and river. The walls of this institution measure 400 feet on each side of the square and were built, as was the original part of that which they enclose, between 1839-'49, the establishment occurring in the former year, and the first convict entering during the latter year. It was built under the direction of Amos Ladd, with a capacity for 138 convicts. William Anderson was the first Warden.

The recent State Legislature, recognizing the great need of additional room, made an appropriation of \$5,100 for the enclosure of such State property as lies west of the present west wall, for a new tier of cells and for other lesser improvements. The new wall will be 237 feet on the south, reaching Olive street, where it turns to line the street 400 feet north, thence east to the present wall. This improvement, now commenced, will be actively under way by early July. The present cell room, containing 372 cells, is now being increased by 120 new steel ones, these forming a fourth tier. A modern stable, to cost \$2,000, is now being built outside the walls, the material being brick, stone and iron. A new pump house, costing \$3,000, is soon to be built near the river, two blocks south, which will supply the institution with water. The old one was demolished some time ago, since which time the city water works have supplied the much used necessity.



GATE AND WARDEN'S RESIDENCE, IOWA STATE PENITENTIARY.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

A recent building added to the interior is one 40x80 feet, three stories high, over a basement. It is occupied by the "finishers" of the Fort Madison Chair Company, that contract, with one for the manufacture of farming tools (The Iowa Farming Tool Co.), being the only ones now employing the State's laborers. Since the Huiskamp Boot and Shoe contract expired, Keokuk has been the place of that concern's whole operation.

Since the incoming of Warden Jones the hospital has been grated, a cold storage arrangement has been placed, a fine rotary oven put in, a flour room built, and much else has been done to improve the institution.

That portion of the "yard" not occupied by the shop buildings, cell room, dining room, etc., is richly sodded and provided with choice flowers. These are given great care, and in their beauty and silence, no doubt speak words to the silent four hundred stripe-clothed men and from their daily toil, pass them by.



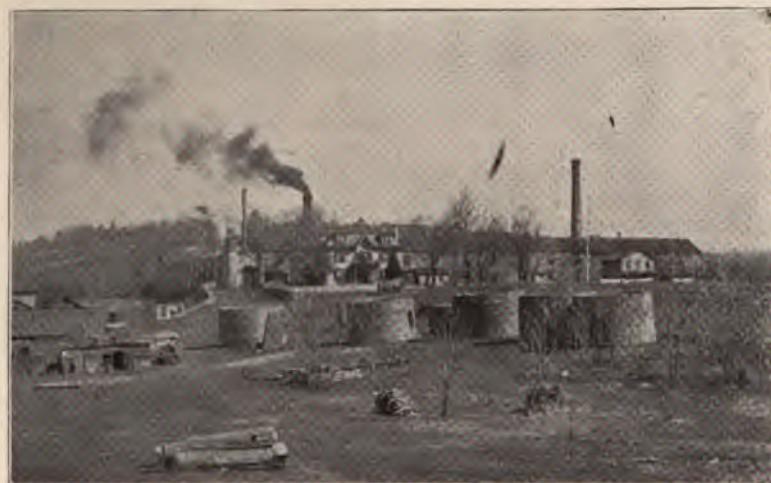
NEWELL N. JONES,  
WARDEN IOWA STATE PENITENTIARY.

The great shops, with their hammers and forges; the dining room with its hundreds of laid places; the cell room with its grated doors and the lock-step marches of the men, attract many thousands of visitors each year. The door fee of twenty-five cents (excursion days fifteen), goes toward the book fund, which makes a reasonable excuse for the curious who compose the great crowds of visitors from time to time. The present season will find a greater visiting list than ever before, since the work on the great addition will add a new and "delightful" attraction.

Those who die within the walls, unclaimed by relatives, are given a resting place "on the hill," north of the walls. Here lie the bodies of many men of infamy. Near this site is a huge reservoir which receives the water from the river.

Up to 1887 four hundred and thirty-nine convicts had been the greatest number confined at one time. Since then five hundred and eleven have been locked up on the same night. The average for the past year has been four hundred and thirty, thirty more than in 1887—the year of our earlier issue.

The health of the institution for the past year has been exceptionally good, averaging even better than that of our "free population," which has been extraordinarily good.



THE IOWA STATE PENITENTIARY FROM THE RIVER.  
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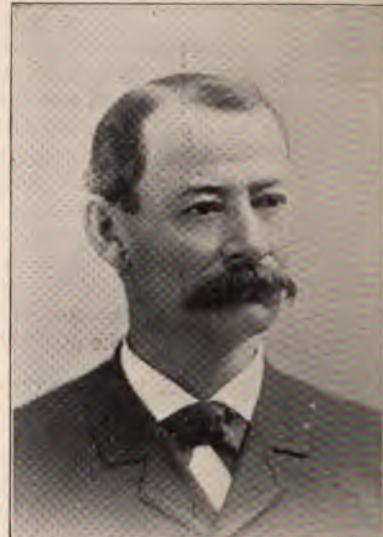
Capital punishment being a State law, convicts sentenced to be hanged may be executed here. Under the law two executions have occurred, one on October 19, 1894, the other February 8, 1895. Two convicts now are awaiting execution while there are several who are never to breathe freedom's air again, as they are serving life sentences.

The library of the prison in 1887 numbered 4,000 volumes. To-day twice that number are counted. There is an evening school held, and Sunday finds most of the men listening to biblical teachings, which divert all and possibly benefit some of them. The Chapel is large, airy, and for them a very desirable place to be after a week of hard labor.

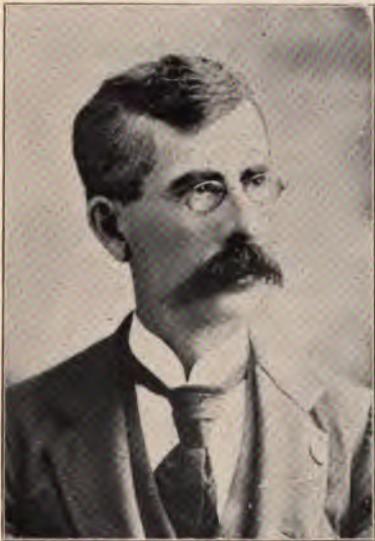
The institution is heated by steam and lighted with electricity, both plants being operated within the walls.

The Tool contract employs nearly one hundred and fifty and the Chair contract nearly as many. The State shop, where all sewing, knitting and mending is done, employs many others, so that few are ever idle.

The officers and guards are courteous and capable and no convict



J. R. JONES, DEPUTY WARDEN,  
IOWA STATE PENITENTIARY.



B. A. GREEN, CLERK,  
IOWA STATE PENITENTIARY.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

receives punishment unless he has earned it by a misdemeanor. Visitors are shown every courtesy and, while curiosity leads the great majority to visit the prison, few indeed leave without a lasting impression for their good.

We print on the preceding pages a general view of the prison as seen from the railroad tracks and a nearer one showing the Warden's residence, the great door and first guard house.

Electric cars lead to within a block of the prison entrance.

OFFICERS.—N. N. Jones, Warden; J. R. Jones, Deputy Warden; B. A. Green, Clerk; W. C. Gunn, Chaplain; J. W. Philpott, Physician; E. R. Lewis, Hospital Steward; J. N. Jones, Turnkey.

## Some of Our Illustrations.

Our group of towers and spires of the city shows nearly all of the spires of the churches and nearly all of the towers of prominent public buildings. They are arranged in the most effective manner possible and with no idea of respective prominence, being taken from photographs of various sizes and combined as artistically as possible. The group shows the spires of St. Joseph's, St. Mary's, First Methodist, Sacred Heart, and German Evangelical; the towers of the Union Presbyterian and Hope



MARKET STREET LOOKING NORTH FROM SECOND.  
*Photograph by Bell.*



J. W. PHILPOTT, PHYSICIAN,  
IOWA STATE PENITENTIARY.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

Episcopal, and the towers, spires and turrets of one of the homes of Odd Fellowship, the home of Masonry, the Cattemole Memorial Library, the Lee County Court House, the new High School, the Lincoln School, the Central Fire Station, and the Marquette, home of harmony. No attempt was made to include the many pretty turrets of our city's private residences or business places.



W. H. NEWLON, M. D.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

bright with literature, but somewhat limited. The duties of librarian were in a measure neglected, the finances of the library ran low and, finally, the doors were closed. For many months the volumes of reference (by this time there was little else on the shelves, many volumes not having been returned) lay untouched. Meantime the rent of the library room ran on until it amounted to nearly a thousand dollars. Dr. A. C. Roberts, who always felt a keen interest in the library, settled the claim and preserved the books of the institution. They were moved into new quarters and shelved for future disposition.

The formation of the Bontecou Temperance Society stimulated the organization of a reading room and ultimately there resulted what afterward became the City Circulating Library. This library was kept up by a

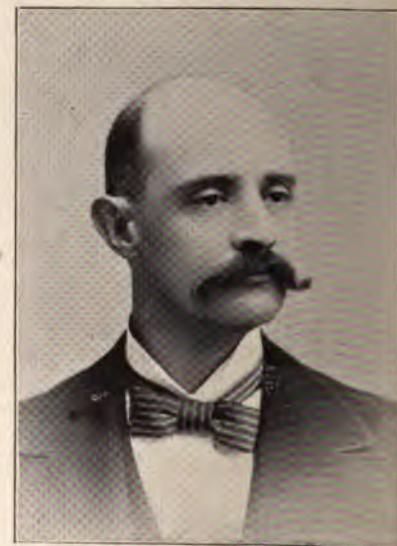
## The Cattermole Memorial Library.

"Books are a part of man's prerogative.  
In formal ink they thoughts and voices hold,  
That we to them our solitude may give,  
And make time present travel that of old.  
Our life, fame pieceib at the end,  
And books it farther backward doth extend."



RESIDENCE OF W. H. NEWLON, M. D.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

The early history of Fort Madison's Library efforts is something which does not reflect with great credit upon the city, but rather upon a band of faithful who fought long and well for its start and maintenance. A city library was established, volunteers donating books. The greatest single donation was that of the Hon. D. F. Miller, formerly of Fort Madison, then of Keokuk, now deceased. He gave several hundred volumes of reference, such as Congressional Records, etc. Contributions from home libraries made the shelves



E. P. HAZEN, D. D. S.



C. F. WAHRER, M. D.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

prominently situated on Pine, near Second street, being used. Sadly Mrs. Cattermole did not live to see the fine building in a state of completion, dying shortly before its formal presentation to the city.

A group of pictures elsewhere shows the exterior and two interiors of the building. It is built of St. Louis buff brick and ornamented with terra cotta and covered with a handsome tile roof. The structure is highly ornamental and very imposing. It is fronted by a full width loge and its tower end is provided with curved French plate glass. The entire interior finish is in hard oak, while the walls are artistically decorated in water fresco, each room being different in design. The general reading room is tiled and handsome ornamental brick fire places are features of the various rooms. The ladies' parlor is carpeted in brussels and it, and that

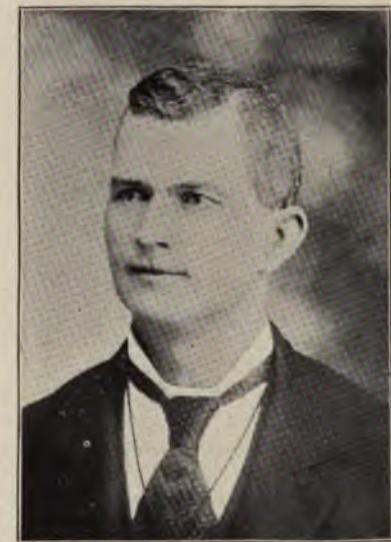
board of noble women who were bound to not permit defeat. The little money that they received generally came through the medium of public entertainments. But with all the "ups and downs" of this organization it continued its existence until the Cattermole Memorial Library was built and opened, when it contributed a large number of volumes and purchased, with money on hand, a fine Atlas and a set of Dictionaries, which were presented to the new library. This band of our city's good women greatly deserve credit.

Among the oldest and most respected citizens of Fort Madison were Henry and Elizabeth Cattermole. Mr. Cattermole for many years was engaged in the pork packing trade in this city, and afterward was president of the German-American Bank. Upon his death it was announced that he had left instructions with his good wife

to build for the city a substantial and modern library as a memorial to himself and wife. This was done, a lot



RESIDENCE OF H. D. M'CONN.  
*Photograph by Bell.*



J. F. M'KAIG, ASS'T DEPUTY WARDEN,  
IOWA STATE PENITENTIARY.  
*Photograph by Bell.*



J. W. YEAST.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

many seasons pass. Besides the donation of books from the City Circulating Library, Dr. Roberts donated the set of governmental histories, which are all but complete from 1775 to date. This donation is most valuable and comprises collections which are invaluable for library reference. The

board hopes soon to complete the set. Mr. Abraham E. Smith is among the several who have given books liberally to the library. The shelves of the immense stack room are gradually filling and the trustees are appropriating all the money possible from time to time, for the purchase of new books; but there is a great demand for money and gifts are at all times acceptable. Indeed it is hoped that the wealthier men of the city will build

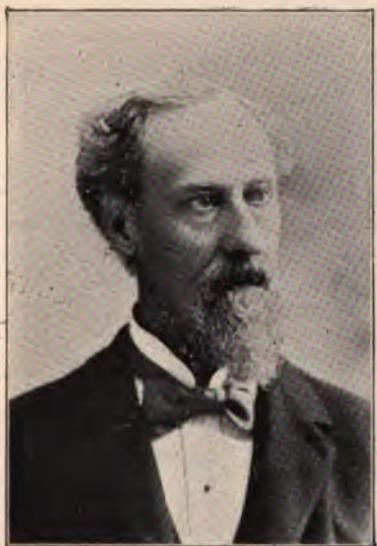
for gentlemen, is furnished in oak and leather. Fine plate mirrors are above each fire place. The first floor comprises the general room, ladies' parlor and toilette, the librarian's room and the stack or book room. The second floor contains a handsome auditorium, seated with two hundred opera chairs. Its platform is commodious and the room is particularly desirable for lectures and musicales. Besides this room is the gentlemen's reading room, a room for the trustees and a commodious toilet room for gentlemen. The building is provided with electroliers with gas burners attached. At present electricity is used for lighting. Water is also used freely. The present heat is furnace, put in by the city to take the place of stoves; but the board hopes to be able to heat by steam or hot water before



RESIDENCE OF J. W. YEAST.  
*Photograph by Bell.*



N. C. ROBERTS, POSTMASTER.  
*Photograph by Bell.*



T. B. SNYDER, ATTORNEY.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

that requests may come for the most solid works. They read:

We ought to regard books as we do sweetmeats, not wholly to aim at the pleasantest, but chiefly to respect the wholesomest; not forbidding either but approving the latter most.

From a statistical report, furnished by the librarian, we find that the present total number of volumes on the shelves are 2,092, the number of patrons 1,751. Books loaned since the opening, July 1894, 62,104, number purchased 918, given by circulating library 800, Congressional Records, and like volumes given by Dr. A. C. Roberts, 1,030, books given by other persons 454.

No city in the west possesses a finer building or better equipment than does Fort Madison and it is a fitting monument for two such venerable citizens.

for themselves monuments by contributing worthy collections, which being known as the so-and-so "collection," would greatly commemorate the donor. A levy of one mill on the dollar is made in general taxation, the library thus realizing an income of from sixteen to eighteen hundred dollars annually; but, while this amount sounds large, it is none too great for the meeting of running expenses and the occasional refreshing of the shelves. The desire of the board is to create a library which in every way equals the best. To accomplish this of course requires care, time and a general disposition on the part of every citizen to assist. It is not enough that the general tax levy fund alone be used but that gifts be made whenever possible.

Gradually the board is adding solid books of reference; but these are of expensive nature and come slowly.

There is a great demand for history and fiction. It is a hope that the lines of Plutarch may be engraved in the minds of young and old ere long and



RESIDENCE OF W. E. BROWN.  
*Photograph by Bell.*



EDWIN C. WEBER, ATTORNEY.  
*Photograph by Bell.*



SOME PROMINENT SPIRES, TOWERS AND TURRETS.

*Photograph by Bell.*

During the past season Prof. Sparks, of the Chicago University has given a series of most entertaining and instructive lectures in the auditorium. These were secured through the efforts of Prof. C. H. Morrill, superintendent of the city schools, and his assistants, the teachers and others. They have proven so interesting, and in fact have netted a neat balance for the treasury, that the board have assumed the liability for the coming season when two courses will be given, one before and one after the holidays. Prof. Sparks has been preferred as one of the lecturers, and the subjects for the course will probably be "American Literature" and "Shakespeare." Miss Cynthia Albright (now Mrs. George R. Crosley) served as librarian for eighteen months, and was succeeded by Miss Jennie Ingalls, who is assisted by Miss Mel Miller. All most competent officers. The present board of trustees is as follows: F. S. Kretzinger, President; Sabert M. Casey, Vice-President; Ed. M. Roberts, Secretary; Mrs. O. E. Newton, Mrs. B. B. Hesse, Mrs. C. Cattermole, Albert Person, Geo. H. Schafer, I. R. Campbell. The hours of opening are from 9:00 a. m. to 12 m., from 3:00 to 6:00 p. m., and from 7:00 to 9:00 p. m. The building is open Sunday afternoons for those who wish to read within its doors. No charge is made for use of books, a small fine being imposed upon patrons keeping books over-time. The fact that the library is continually growing more popular is most gratifying to the citizenship generally. The board of trustees holds its meeting on the second Monday of each month.

While there is no free public gymnasium in the city, F. A. Saar, the proprietor of Hotel Montandon Tonsorial Parlors, conducts a well appointed place of exercise, with baths and showers, in connection.



JOHN L. BENBOW, ATTORNEY.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

## The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Hospital.

On this page will be found a picture of the Santa Fé Railroad Hospital and a portrait of its surgeon in charge, E. C. Chapman, M. D. As will be seen the structure is one of size and elegance, presenting a foreign appearance in its quaint style. The lake in the foreground of the hospital picture is fed by an artesian well sunk to the depth of 700 feet. It affords a handsome addition to the grounds which are dotted with young trees. It gives forth the purest and clearest of water as well for drinking and general use. It was sunk in 1892.

The building was erected in 1889 at a cost of \$75,000.00. It has three large wards, each floored in hard wood and furnished with iron cots—fifty in number. There is a commodious cellar and modern laundry and kitchen, besides a dispensary and operating room, also parlors and bath rooms. There is also a handsome first floor dining room for the surgeon's family and a well arranged suite above stairs for their living rooms. A broad south portico affords a fine sitting place for convalescents.

The best attention is given the patients who, as employés, support this and kindred institutions of this line, by an assessment of from 25c to \$1.00 per capita per month. The hospital is not a public one; but the city may make arrangements for any serious surgery case, should emergency compel such necessity. E. C. Chapman, M. D., is the chief surgeon in charge. Mrs. Chapman is matron, Miss Lena Lafstrom house-girl, Miss Lena Pranger "chef," M. M. Fulton day nurse, George Johnson night nurse, P. D. Fulton house man, Wm. Reed carrier and Lee Sing laundryman.

The greatest number of patients in at one time was forty-nine. There are but fourteen at present.

Friday is reception day to the public who are welcomed and shown through the wards and building generally.

Good literature is always valued by the patients as it helps to pass the hours even long to active men.

The hospital is situated just east of Ivanhoe park on Santa Fé avenue.

There is a general feeling of contentment among the patients here. The existence of no chronic cases and the receiving of the best of care doubtless accounts for the state of happiness here existing. The convalescing patients find amusement in walks and occasional visits up town, or the participation in the pleasures of Ivanhoe Park near by.



ATCHISON, TOPEKA & SANTA FE R. R. HOSPITAL.

*Photograph by Bell.*



DR. E. C. CHAPMAN, SURGEON  
SANTA FE HOSPITAL.

*Photograph by Bell.*

## Secret Societies.

If the great number of members of a large number of societies is an indication of secrecy there are more men—and women—in Fort Madison capable of keeping secrets than in any other city in the state. Fort Madison has been called the Banner Pythian City of Iowa, no less than five lodges of that order flourishing with strong membership here. The Knights Templar are represented by Delta Commandery and, with the two Masonic bodies, Claypoole and Stella, have one of the finest asylums, and sets of halls, in the state. They occupy the entire third floor of

the handsome Lee County Bank building. It was constructed for the special use of the Masonic bodies and is complete in arrangement and elegant in its furnishings, banquet rooms and a dancing room being a part of the arrangement.

Quite as well arranged for use is the new home of the Fort Madison Lodge, No. 157, of Independent Order of Odd Fellows. This lodge erected a magnificent pressed brick and stone building recently, located on Market street, north of Second. It is a modern building in

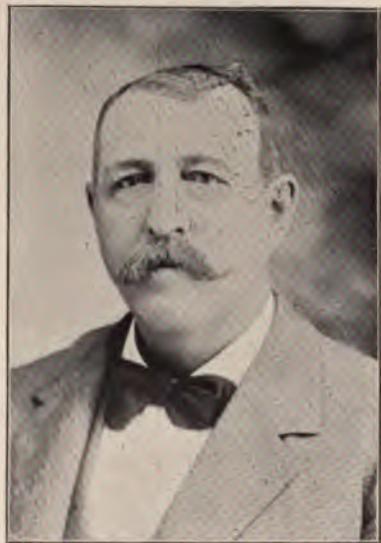
every way and is provided with banquet rooms, dance hall, parlors and ante-rooms. Besides this lodge there is Empire, which owns its own building, an older but well appointed place, corner of Front and Market streets. The Order of Rebekah meets in the former hall. Concordia (German) meets in the same place.

Castle Hall of Gem City lodge of the Pythian Knights is in the third floor of the Hesse building. This is the mother lodge of the order of the city. Fort Madison was the

home of the Hon. John Van Valkenburg, supreme chancellor of the Pythian order, to whom much is due for the strength of the order in Fort Madison. He was one of the founders of Gem City lodge. The funeral obsequies, following this gentleman's demise, were characterized with such knightly pomp as few men have been honored with.

Golden Cross Lodge, No. 111, Knights of Pythias, of which the late Col. H. W. Dodd was founder, occupies most pleasant quarters in the James block.

Potowonok Lodge, Knights of Pythias, meets in Heady's Hall in the West End and is a most prosperous body.



JAMES A. JORDAN,  
MEMBER BOARD OF ALDERMEN.  
*Photograph by Bell.*



C. B. ANTHES,  
MEMBER BOARD OF ALDERMEN.  
*Photograph by Bell.*



PEARL W. PYLE,  
MEMBER BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Van Valkenburg Temple, No. 7, Rathbone Sisters, shares Castle Hall. Potowonok Chapter, No. 28, R. A. M., and Diamond Chapter, No. 37, O. E. S., occupy the Masonic rooms.

Humboldt is the name of the German Pythian Lodge, meeting at Castle Hall.

The West End has Chosen Friends Lodge, No. 71, meeting at 2611 Santa Fé avenue.

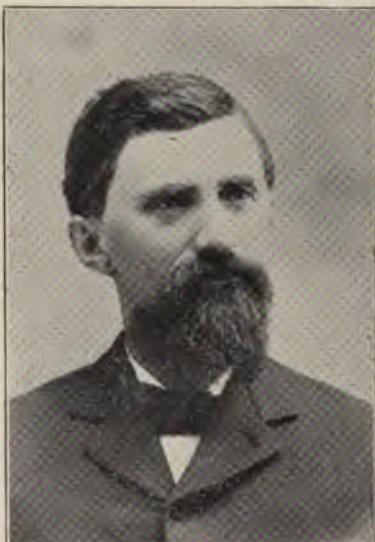
Added to the lodges mentioned are the following: Harmony Lodge, Auxiliary to A. O. U. W.; James B. Sample Post, G. A. R.; Fox Tribe, I. O. R. M.; Talula

Council, No. 10, Degree of Pocahontas (Auxiliary to Red Men); C. R. Wever Camp, S. of V.; J. B. Sample, W. R. C.; Fort Madison Camp, No. 641, M. W. of A.; Santa Fé Division, B. of L. E.; Local Union, A. R. U.; Nauvoo Lodge, B. of L. F.; Fort Madison Lodge, H. F. B. O.; Fort Madison Assembly, A. B. A.; Metropolitan Ruling of the Fraternal Mystic Circle and Gem City Lodge, A. O. U. W.

Few cities of Fort Madison's size can boast so many handsome lodge halls.



WM. F. KIEL,  
TREASURER OF LEE COUNTY.



JOHN WALLJASPER,  
AUDITOR LEE COUNTY.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

## A Summer Place.

Fort Madison is a lively city in winter; but it seems to have won an unusual reputation as "a summer city." Besides the general summer influx of academic students who reside here, there are always to be found families and individuals who prefer it to the cities of greater size. Its society is attractive and living is inexpensive to those who would leave the cities and yet not want to pay the high prices of resorts. The river possesses an attraction for all.

Its sailing, rowing and general opportunities for outgoing and incoming excursions and day picnics is an inducement for visitors. There is no city on the river which attracts so largely or which has about it prettier picnic grounds. We cannot boast of lower temperature than our sister cities but there is undoubtedly much more to make summer weather bearable here than in other places.

With artesian water so available a natatorium should be established in Fort Madison. The use of such delightfully clear water in baths and a large plunge pool would add greatly to the summer attractions of Fort Madison and be an undoubted source of revenue to the proprietor.



JOSEPH HAYS,  
RECORDER OF LEE COUNTY.

*Photograph by Bell.*

## Company F, I. N. G.

"As it floated long before us,  
Be it ever floating o'er us,  
O'er our land from shore to shore,  
There are freemen yet to wave it,  
Millions who would die to save it,  
Wave it, save it evermore."

its captain for several years, to be succeeded by A. J. Windmayer, who served successfully until he resigned to be succeeded by Henry Haessig, who



COL. W. J. MCCRAY.  
SUPT. FORT MADISON WATER CO.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

SINCE March 5, 1887, one of the most estimable and excellent organizations of Iowa's "Gem City" has been Company F, I. N. G. It was organized on, or about, that date under the captaincy of George W. Davis, an energetic and brave man who valiantly served his country during the civil war. He felt an unusual interest in the organization and served as



SECOND STREET LOOKING EAST FROM MARKET.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

true" and full worthy of their respective positions. Captain Anthes is one of the oldest members of the company, having served as first lieutenant under Captain Davis.

The present officers are: George P. Anthes, Captain; Fred C. Chambers, First Lieutenant; Herbert W. Davis, Second Lieutenant; Theodore Thomas, First Sergeant; Clarence S. Pratt, Second Sergeant; Edward Prichett, Third Sergeant; Samuel Hoffmeister, Fourth Sergeant; Clem Van Valkenburg, Fifth Sergeant; Omar Herminghausen, D. W. Rasey, Ben Hesse, F. C. Newton, Corporals.



H. C. DAVIS,  
MEMBER BOARD OF EDUCATION.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

was again succeeded by Geo. P. Anthes, the present efficient commander. The company has been most fortunate in its captains and officers generally, all being "good men and

The company numbers forty-three at present, something of an increase over the original number, which, together with a united desire to keep up "a long pull, a strong pull and a pull altogether," means a successful company for an indefinite future as in the past.

Company F has frequently been delegated to escort duty of unusual honor and distinction, among which assignments was that of escorting Gov. Horace Boies during the dedication services at the World's fair in Chicago in 1892.

Amongst the members of Company F who have been distinguished by promotion to regimental offices was the late Dr. John Rix. He ranked as Sergeant in the company, receiving



DR. J. M. THORNBER,  
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER  
MEDICAL MESSENGER.



MARKET STREET LOOKING SOUTH FROM FOURTH, SHOWING ATLEE  
ROW ON LEFT AND ARTESIAN WELL ON EXTREME RIGHT.

*Photograph by Bell.*

coming such an office. F. C. Roberts, M. D., of Fort Madison, has been appointed additional assistant surgeon for the regiment.

Company F ranks second in the regiment in its target scores. Among the members are some more than excellent sharp-shooters, John Prichett being the present holder of the medal. The company carries a handsome standard presented by F. S. Kretsinger, an honorary member.



A. W. TREVITT, M. D.  
PHYSICIAN BOARD OF HEALTH.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

promotion to the office of Adjutant and afterward to that of Major. This gentleman was a great credit to his company and regiment. No less so is Herman J. Huiskamp, who wears the honor of Regimental Quartermaster with the grace and dignity fully be-

The company drills at the armory on Monday evenings, which armory is well equipped for military use. The social affairs of Company F ever attract the best citizens and prove to be most enjoyable events.

The company gives escort and parades upon request and is much admired by the citizens of neighboring cities as well as our own. The state is rightly doing more for the militia of the state than ever in the past. This is much appreciated by the companies.

## Hotels.

Until recent years Fort Madison could not point with unusual pride to its hotels; but it now boasts of three most comfortable and well managed hosteries, The Anthes, The Montandon



F. C. ROBERTS, M. D.  
*Photograph by Bell.*



RESIDENCE OF F. C. ROBERTS, M. D.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

being among them. The Anthes is the oldest in continuous management. It is a commodious three story establishment located on Front and Chestnut streets. It is managed by Geo. P. and Chas. B. Anthes. The Montandon (originally the Metropolitan) is operated by Chas. J. Montandon and is located on Second and Cedar streets. It is a three story structure, roomy and comfortable in its appointments. The Florence is conducted by C. G. and S. K. Hurt and is a nicely situated and commodious structure on an opposite corner from the Anthes. The others mentioned are well located and conducted in an "up-to-date" manner. Fort Madison's hotel service is good at all times and is never slighted on "big" occasions or festival days. There are several excellent private boarding houses, generally located upon the shady residence streets.



GEO. W. NEAFIE,  
CITY EDITOR EVENING DEMOCRAT.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

and The Florence. There are several other less pretentious, The Waverly, The Carper, The Pease, and The Star

## Neighboring Towns and Villages.

Fort Madison has some excellent neighbors of whom it likes to speak. Burlington and Keokuk need no introduction to the world and are as creditable distant "suburbs" as any city would ask for. Nearer by are the towns of Dallas City and Nauvoo, Ill., and West Point and Denmark, Iowa. Dallas City is eight miles east on the Santa Fé. It is making rapid strides and is donning metropolitan airs since the Santa Fé made it a point on its line. The town of Nauvoo, eight miles south, has an interest historical equal to that of Salt Lake City, and even greater, since hostilities waged against the Mormons who settled here caused the burning of their magnificent temple in 1848 and the later evacuation. These people found a home in Salt Lake City and made it



T. T. HITCH,  
SECRETARY AND TREASURER  
IOWA FARMING TOOL CO.



RESIDENCE OF MRS. SARAH J. WILSON.  
*Photograph by Bell*

yards covering a great acreage and its wines being known everywhere. It has been without one too long. Fort Madison will be the earliest city to be connected, we predict, and it will be a day of rejoicing for the residents of both places when it is.

East Fort Madison, Illinois, is a station opposite Fort Madison. It was formerly called Niota. The Santa Fé's great bridge leads into this hamlet which is growing right along. West Point is the first town on the C., F. M. & D. M. Railroad—ten miles northwest of Fort Madison—is a busy little town of about 800 inhabitants,



W. F. S. MURDY, M. D.  
*Photograph by Bell*

what Nauvoo would have become had they remained. The Mormons were choice in their selection of sites and in desiring Nauvoo to be located as it is they chose one of the most charming spots on the Mississippi river. It is at present a town of 1,500 souls. Its chief interest is fruit raising, the vine-

Ere long Nauvoo must have a railroad.

It is surrounded by thrifty farms and is a town which has made great improvement during the past few years. A district fair is held there each year.

Denmark is a pretty emerald spot about eight miles north of Fort Madison. Here is located the Denmark Academy, an institution founded many years ago and one which has graduated a number of persons who have become prominent in the world's history. It is purely an educational village and is untouched by river or rail. Persons who seek it must drive from Fort Madison. A daily hack line is in existence. Besides the shady school grounds there is a natural park of beauty unexcelled by any similar spot in Iowa.

Donnellson, Montrose, Wever and Augusta are also neighboring towns within easy reach.

**TELEPHONE SYSTEM.**—Our city is provided with a complete telephone system, viz: The Iowa Union Telephone and Telegraph Company, with headquarters at Davenport. The exchange is centrally located, being convenient to business houses and public buildings. The system connects us with cities all about us, and the liberal use of instruments in the city affords a convenience that has become a necessity.



CHOIR BOYS OF HOPE EPISCOPAL.

*Photograph by Bell.*

utmost respect and confidence. It occupies its own very handsome building. Combined capital, \$100,000. Saml. Atlee, President; Wm. G. Kent, Vice President; Geo. M. Hanchett, Cashier, and C. E. Stoeckle Assistant.

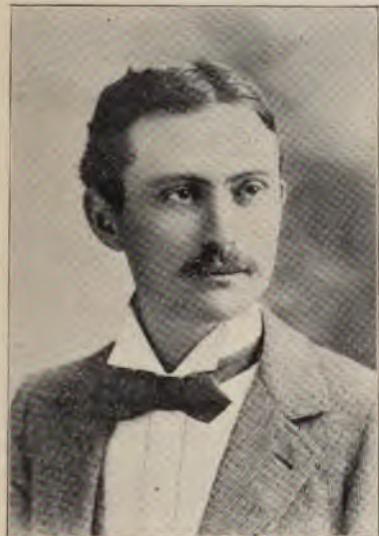
**Banks.** Three of the most solid institutions of the west are Fort Madison's Banks. The Fort Madison Savings Bank is the outgrowth of the oldest banking institution of the city (recently the First National.) Under state laws it transacts a general banking business, corner of Pine and Second streets. This bank has a cash capital of \$30,000.00. Joseph A. Smith is its President, D. A. Morrison its Vice President, J. A. S. Pollard its Cashier, W. H. Rose, Ass't Cashier.

Another "old and reliable" bank is the German-American, with a capital of \$50,000.00. It occupies its own handsome building on the northwest corner of Pine and Second. J. C. Brewster is its President, D. A. Morrison Vice President and H. D. McConn Cashier, with F. C. Biethan as assistant. The bank's advertisement contains a picture of the fine pressed brick and stone edifice.

The Lee County Savings Bank is no less reliable, and, while not so "old" as its sisters in business, commands the

## The Fort Madison Fire Department.

existence as "The Gem City Fire Department. This department existed for many years prior to 1885, during the early life of which the Silsby steam fire engine, hose carts and other trucks were purchased. Its early history was characterized by harmony of action and good records of good officers. The old department had much to contend with which modern times has done away with. It depended upon the work of the one engine and buckets. It was most efficient, however, doing its work in a manner always creditable. The good example set by the "old and original" volunteers has been emulated by the present department, which is second to no volunteer department in the state for promptness and efficiency.



O. R. JOHNSTON.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

What is now styled the "Fort Madison Fire Department," was known earlier in its

history as "The Gem City Fire Department.

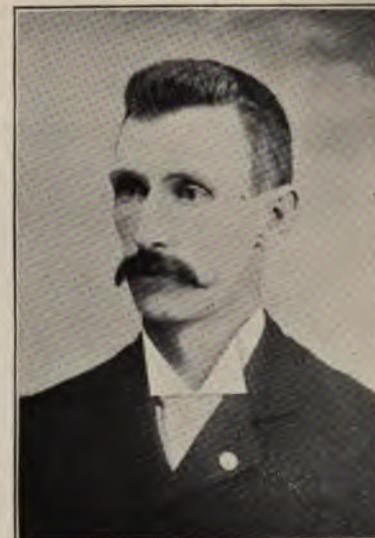


LOOKING DOWN FOURTH STREET FROM CHESTNUT,  
W. H. ATLEE RESIDENCE IN FOREGROUND.

*Photograph by Bell.*

flames within a very short time after an alarm is sent in. Seven thousand feet of Boston Knit Jacket and other hose is in use. Each company has the use of one three way deluge nozzle and ones of smaller sizes. Each company is supplied, also, with two C. Callahan patented shut off or spray nozzles.

The Silsby steamer is still retained and may be used either at the river edge, in event of failure of water works, or at one of the several cisterns along Fourth street at certain intersections. This apparatus and these cisterns are most wisely retained. They afford a double assurance of relief in case of serious fire.



JOHN P. IRVING,  
AUDITOR, C., F. M. & D. M. RV.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

The providing of hydrants about the city streets has greatly facilitated the work of these volunteer fire fighters who, with hose stations conveniently located in various sections of the city, are enabled to get water upon the

The present department was formed in 1885, seven companies forming it. Rolla Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, was formed Oct. 28, 1885. August Richers, Captain; twenty members. Phoenix Hose Company No. 1, was organized Oct. 4, 1885. L. R. Jones, Captain; nineteen members. Geo. B. Inman Hose Company No. 2, formed Oct. 26, 1885, has twenty members, with A. J. Welsing as Captain. Boss Hose Company No. 3, was

organized Oct. 29, 1885, has twenty members, and Frank Helling is its Captain. J. D. M. Hamilton Hose Company No. 4, of which Ernest Burster is Captain, was organized Oct. 27, 1885. It has twenty members. The German-American Hose Company No. 5, has twenty members and Jos. Krause is its Captain.

Fort Madison

Hose Company No. 6 was organized June 3, 1896, with C. J. Ratican as Captain. It has nineteen members.

The present Chief is Henry Helling, a portrait of whom is given elsewhere. His "generalship" is greatly respected by the several companies, which are now in much better condition than ever before. The companies are handsomely uniformed and present a fine appearance when on parade. Semi-annual reviews are held and the department is courteous in its response to calls for parade appearance as it is quick in response to the alarm. Great credit is due the firemen for their past and present good work.



LEE COUNTY SAVINGS BANK BLOCK,  
Photograph by Bell.



H. W. DODD, JR.,  
MANAGER PYTHIAN PRINTING CO.,  
PUBLISHERS  
KNIGHT'S SWORD AND HELMET.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

## Our City's Residences.

Within the past few years Fort Madison has made great improvement in its class of architecture, in both residences and business blocks. There was a time (and sadly long after cities of no greater importance had awakened) when a flat front with a center door with two windows at each side and five above was sufficient for a residence front; but the past few years has seen a change. As most of our illustrations will show there is not only an attempt at modern style in architecture but an accomplishment in it as well. Among the many pleasant and pretty homes there are several which are costly and elegant, homes of a character worthy of a place on the best of city avenues. This is advancement of the right kind



J. C. BREWSTER,  
PRESIDENT GERMAN-AMERICAN BANK.  
*Photograph by Bell.*



RESIDENCE OF W. J. R. BECK, ATTORNEY.

TELEGRAPH SERVICE.—In the past and now Fort Madison has had but one company—the Western Union. It has afforded excellent service and, with a well located office in the heart of the business center, it is giving satisfaction to people generally. There is talk of the Postal Telegraph Company building in, its wires being quite near the city at the present time. This will insure a rivalry which may induce a night service, which is needed.

ICE PACKERS AND DEALERS.—This refreshing congealed commodity is put up in goodly quantities each winter, ice from twelve to eighteen inches being available in the main channel of the river during season. It generally sells for from twenty-five to thirty cents per cwt. The houses are generally found along the river shore.



J. C. EHART.

and it all goes to make ours the city which it is. —

Two first class steam laundries are among Fort Madison's concerns. They are operated in a present day manner.

## The Denmark Academy.

Eight miles north of our city, in the quiet, restful village of Denmark, stands the historic Denmark Academy, the oldest classical institution in the state. Its purpose is to furnish a thorough course of study for those preparing to enter college, and to bestow a general education of a high character on all who may complete their studies there. Six courses are presented: College Preparatory, Classical; College Preparatory, Philosophical and Scientific; Latin Academic; English Academic; Teachers' Academic; Music. The Academy is furnished with apparatus sufficient to illustrate the more important facts and principles of the sciences, has a valuable mineral cabinet, a library of fifteen

hundred volumes and pianos for the use of musical pupils. It is the design to keep the expenses as low as possible. Tuition is only \$8.00 per term, books are furnished at cost, and board on "the club plan" can be made as low as desired.

The building, a neat stone structure with commodious classroom, library, literary society rooms, assembly hall, etc., is surrounded by a beautiful campus upon which are maples and elms, pines and "Norway Spruce" and fine croquet grounds, tennis courts and a ball field, while in front lies the large and beautiful village park. A neat thirty-page catalogue is sent to any address upon request.



Address,

"PRINCIPAL OF THE ACADEMY, DENMARK, IOWA."

**J. C. Brewster,** Treasurer of the Board of Education, was born and raised in Fort Madison, attending a private school—Denmark Academy—and later Bryant & Stratton's Business College, in Chicago. For a number of years he was cashier of the old First National Bank, and is still a director in its successor, the Fort Madison Savings Bank. He is also president of the German-American Bank, treasurer of the Street Railway Company, and is stockholder in the Fort Madison Chair Company and various other manufactures and large industries. In business Mr. Brewster has always followed banking, but has investments in many of the institutions that keep business in the Gem City on the move. He has been treasurer of the school board a year.



GEO. H. SCHAFER,  
PRESIDENT FORT MADISON  
BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION.  
*Photograph by Bell.*



RESIDENCE OF GEO. H. SCHAFER.

cago commercial colleges, spending four years as a commercial traveler from the latter city. For ten or eleven years Mr. Davis was a clerk on Mississippi river packets during the palmy days of steamboating, being a valued employé of McDonald Bros., of La Crosse, seven years. In 1885 he went into the shoe business here, and four years later sold to Mr. Brown the extensive business he has since ably managed, handling one of the largest stocks in Lee county. Mr. Davis was in the late rebellion, leaving school in Chicago to join a fleet before he was old enough to



L. W. TRAVERSE, M. D.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

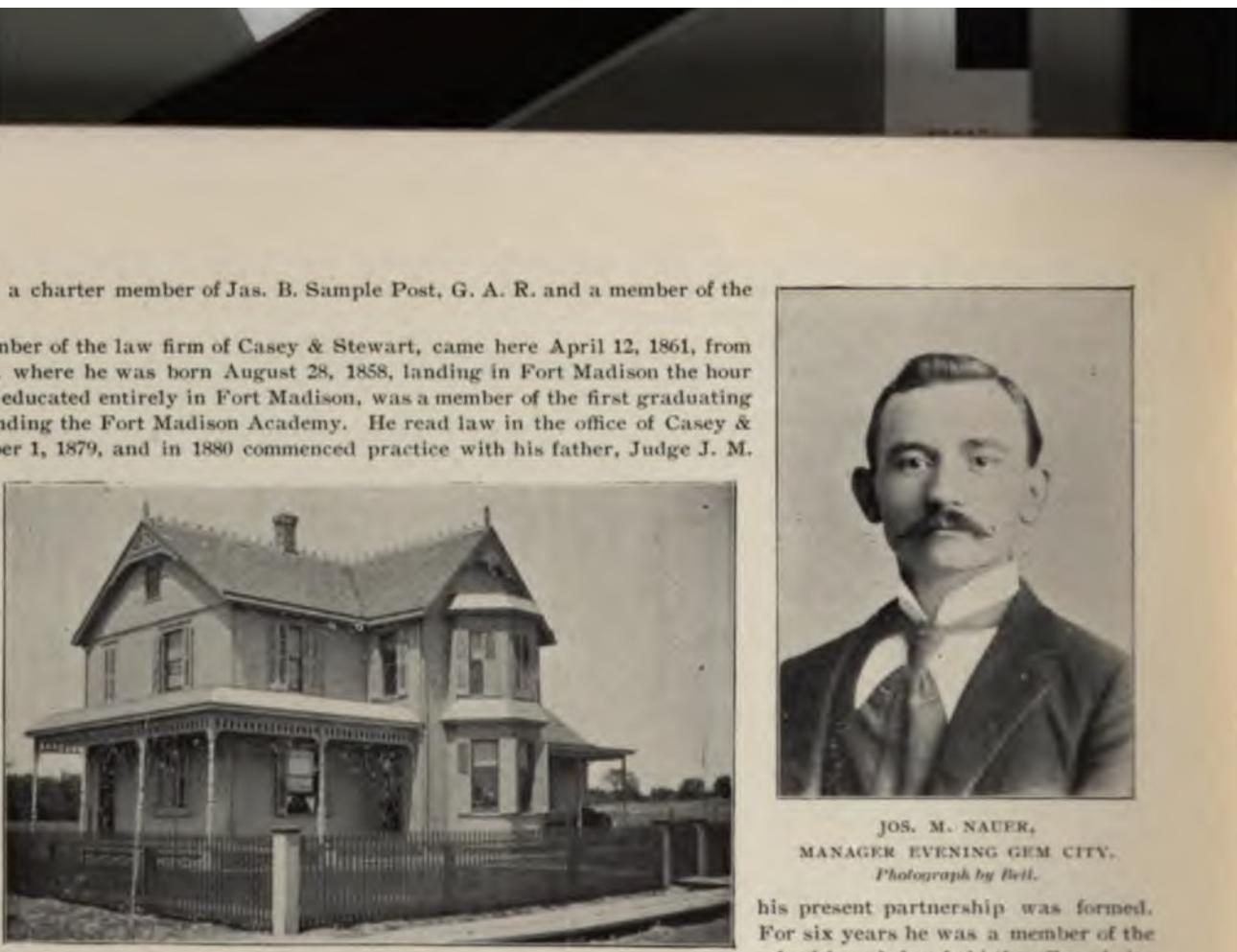
**B. C. Davis,** Member of the Board of Education and manager of Brown's Shoe Store, came to Fort Madison in 1855 from Frankfort, Kentucky, where he was born in 1846. He was educated in Fort Madison, St. Louis and Chi-

enlist and remained over a year. He is a charter member of Jas. B. Sample Post, G. A. R. and a member of the I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W. lodges.

**Sabert M. Casey,** Senior member of the law firm of Casey & Stewart, came here April 12, 1861, from Sigourney, where he was born August 28, 1858, landing in Fort Madison the hour Fort Sumpter was fired upon. He was educated entirely in Fort Madison, was a member of the first graduating class in the high school, afterward attending the Fort Madison Academy. He read law in the office of Casey & Hobbs, was admitted to the bar November 1, 1879, and in 1880 commenced practice with his father, Judge J. M. Casey, the firm of Casey & Casey continuing until the Judge's election to the bench in 1886. From this time Mr. Casey practiced alone until 1888 when



FRED J. LORSHETER,  
CITY EDITOR EVENING GEM CITY.  
*Photograph by Bell.*



RESIDENCE OF PEARL W. PYLE, ALDERMAN.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

Trustees and Vice President of the Cattermole Memorial Library. He was reappointed last month by the Mayor as a member of the board for six years. Mr. Casey belongs to all the Masonic orders and shrine, is a Knight of Pythias and Odd Fellow, having held the highest offices in each of the orders named. He was also Grand Patron of Iowa one year in the Order of the Eastern Star. Politically Mr. Casey is a Democrat.

The city possesses two Boards of Trade, one in the Marquette building and one in the Cattermole block on Pine street. Both are operated in an "up-to-date" way and are supplied with private wires.



JOS. M. NAUER,  
MANAGER EVENING GEM CITY.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

his present partnership was formed. For six years he was a member of the school board, has held the office of city clerk, and during the last two years has been a member of the Board of

**Geo. B. Stewart,** Of the law firm of Casey & Stewart, is a native of Burlington, Iowa. He prepared himself for college at Denmark Academy and at Cheltenham Academy, near Philadelphia. He was a graduate in class '86 from the celebrated University of Pennsylvania, and in 1888 graduated at Ann Arbor, Michigan. Being admitted to the bar in 1888 Mr. Stewart immediately entered into partnership with Mr. Sabert M. Casey, a law firm that is widely known throughout this section of Iowa. Mr. Stewart has always been active in politics and has done effective work for the Republican party in this section, a fact that was recognized by the state convention this year in which he was chosen Secretary. He enjoys an extended and favorable acquaintance in the state.

**J. W. Albright,** City Clerk of Fort Madison, and Secretary of the Loan and Building Association, was born in this



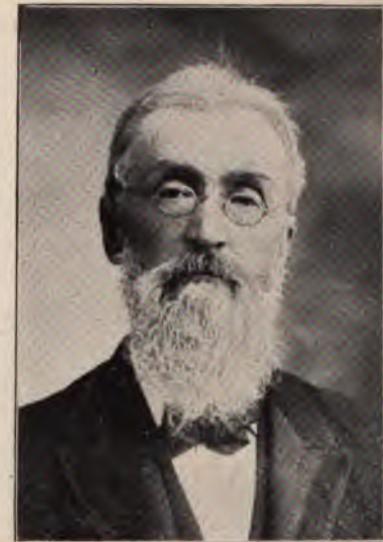
H. L. SCHROEDER.  
*Photograph by Bell.*



RESIDENCE OF H. L. SCHROEDER.

was one of the oldest dry goods merchants in the city. Subsequently he was engaged fourteen years as Assistant Cashier of the old Bank of Fort Madison, previously having spent six years in banking business at Yankton, Dakota. Mr. Albright is serving his seventh year as city clerk—a fact that speaks well for his efficiency and popularity. In 1881 he was chosen Secretary of the Loan and Building Association, organized two years prior. He is a rapid and accurate accountant and has excellent business qualifications, etc.

Two or more modern bakeries are to be found in Fort Madison.



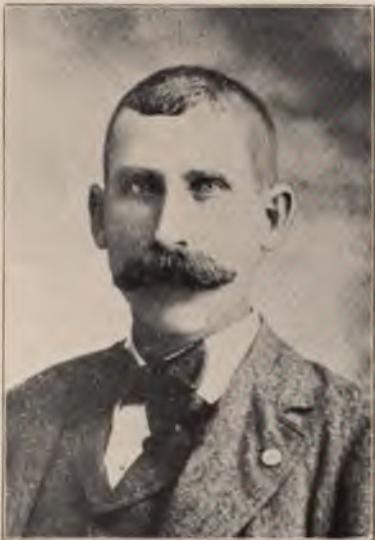
REV. LOUIS DECAILLY,  
PRIEST AT ST. JOSEPH'S.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

city in 1851. He was educated in the city schools and at Griswold College, at Davenport, after which he engaged in the dry goods business with his father, who came here in 1840 and who

## O. C. Herminghausen,

Senior member of the law firm of Herminghausen & Herminghausen, was born in Fort Madison in 1855, and has lived here all his life. He was educated in the city schools and law offices, studying much of the time without a tutor, until April 24, 1878, when he was admitted to the bar under Judge J. W. Newman, the Executive Committee being Wesley C. Hobbs, John Van Valkenburg and F. H. Semple. His brother, and partner, Omar E., is a graduate of the Ann Arbor Law School and is now taking a post graduate course at that institution. Mr. Herminghausen was at one time a popular candidate for the District Judgeship, but by a combination was beaten five or six votes. He has an excellent command of both the English and German languages, and quite an extensive practice.

Joseph N. Hays, Recorder of  
Lee County,  
was born in this county in 1857, living



GEO. D. HUTCHISON,  
SUPT. C., F. M. & D. M. R. R. AND  
MEMBER BOARD OF EDUCATION.  
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SANTA FE AVENUE LOOKING WEST.

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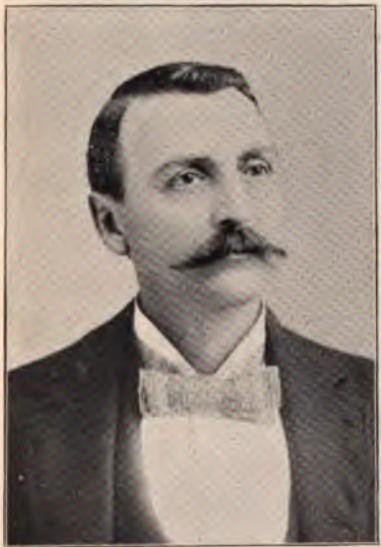
two years ago Mr. Hays carried his township, which is Republican, by a large majority and was elected by 246 majority in the county, the next largest on the ticket. He has always taken an active part in politics, working at all times with the Democratic party, holding various school and township offices. His deputy is located at Keokuk. In performing the trying duties of the Recorder's office Mr. Hays has been exceptionally successful and has made an excellent record. His term expires this fall.



O. C. HERMINGHAUSEN, ATTORNEY.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

on a farm in Denmark township until a year ago last January, when he was installed in his present office. He received his education at Denmark Academy and Elliott's Business College, in Burlington. In the election

**Dr. Geo. P. Neal,** Whose office is situated in the Lee County Bank building, was born at Russell Place, Lawrence County, Ohio, November 10, 1852. Early in life he went to Columbus Junction, Iowa, where his boyhood days were passed. He was educated at the State University of Iowa, at Iowa City, and graduated with honors from the medical department of that institution March 4, 1874. For sixteen years Dr. Neal practiced medicine with his father, Dr. B. G. Neal, an eminent physician at Columbus Junction. During his residence there Dr. Neal was editor and proprietor of the Louisa County Times two years and was postmaster under Cleveland's first administration. He came to Fort Madison January 1, 1890, and commenced practice, acting as physician to the Board of Health over three years. In September, 1893, he was chosen as President of the Board of United States Examining



W. A. M'KEECHAN.  
*Photograph by Bell.*



INTERIOR SANTA FE PHARMACY.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

son for Representative. In practice the Doctor is classified as "a Catholic"—not confining his methods to any particular school. Socially he is a genial, versatile gentleman, and can count his friends by the thousands.

Two or three breweries give employment to a number of men. There are several vine growers also who live near the city and who have acreages of grapes. This fruit grows most luxuriantly upon Mississippi Valley soil—the Rhine land of America.



GEO. P. NEAL, M. D.

Surgeons for this district, and upon the reorganization of the board was retained as a member, a position he still holds. Dr. Neal has always taken an active interest in public affairs, is an enthusiastic Democrat, and has been the choice of his party in Fort Madison

**J. A. S. Pollard,** Cashier of the Fort Madison Savings Bank, was born in this city April 15, 1870. He received his education by private instruction and in the Valparaiso (Ind.) Normal School, afterward attending business college in Chicago, going there at the age of fourteen. He remained four or five years in Chicago, acting as stenographer for a time and later going into insurance. On returning to Fort Madison he embarked in the insurance business with R. J. Barr, and afterward went into the Bank of Fort Madison, which was later succeeded by the First National and Fort Madison Savings Banks. Mr. Pollard entered as a clerk and was elected as cashier at the age of twenty. He was cashier of both banks up to the time the First National was absorbed by the Savings Bank. Mr. Pollard was Democratic candidate for Mayor in 1895, being defeated by the present Mayor by only five votes. Socially he



JOS. W. HUGEL,  
WHARFMASTER AND  
SUPERINTENDENT OF POOR.  
*Photograph by Bell.*



RESIDENCE OF H. C. STEMPEL, COUNTY CLERK.  
*Photograph by Bell*

**T. B. Snyder,** Attorney at Law, came to Fort Madison five years ago from Burlington. He is a native of Des Moines county and practiced in Burlington since 1875. Mr. Snyder took a classical course in the Iowa Wesleyan University at Mt. Pleasant, graduating in 1869, and later graduated from the law department of the Iowa State University at Iowa City in 1871. After leaving school he held the office of County Superintendent of Schools two terms, practicing law in the meantime, which enabled him to get a start in life. He has since devoted his entire time to practice and has been deservedly successful, enjoying the distinction of



GEO. F. KIEL.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

affiliates with the Masons and is Eminent Commander of Delta Commandery, No. 5, K. T.—is also a Mystic Shriner. He has an interesting family and a wide and favorable acquaintance in Lee county.

being a member of the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States. In politics Mr. Snyder has always been an active Republican. Socially he affiliates with the Masonic Order, and enjoys a wide acquaintance.

## H. F. Stempel, Jr., D. D. S.,

One of Fort Madison's young professional men, was born and raised in this city, receiving his education in the Fort Madison schools and the American College of Dental Surgery at Chicago. He graduated from the latter institution the 9th of March, 1892. Prior to entering college he was a student under Dr. Hazen. Dr. Stempel's office is situated over the Hale Hardware Co.'s establishment, in direct connection with the rooms of Dr. W. H. Newlon, and is well equipped with all the modern appliances essential to the practice of dentistry. The advantages of association with a good physician in the practice of dentistry and dental surgery are clearly apparent to all who have had difficult cases to be treated. This arrangement connecting Dr. Stempel's

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HERMAN F. STEMPEL, D. D. S.



THE MISSISSIPPI AT FORT MADISON ON A WINDY DAY.

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harmonic Society, the Fraternal Mystic Circle; professionally he belongs to the Iowa Dental Society. The Doctor is married and enjoys a wide and favorable acquaintance throughout the radius of Fort Madison's trade. He takes an active interest in public affairs and is deservedly popular both in professional and social circles.

Fort Madison has several regular cattle and horse buyers and shippers and has several packers who operate upon a moderate scale.



GEO. G. HAESSIG, CONSTABLE.

office with that of Dr. Newlon's was made December 1, 1894, since which time he has occupied his present convenient quarters. His practice is a desirable one and is showing a rapid and highly satisfactory growth. Socially Dr. Stempel is an honorary member of the Iowa National Guard, the Fort Madison Military Band and Phil-

**Hon. F. B. Kent,** President of the Fort Madison Board of Education, was born in Belfont, Pa., in 1839. At the age of three he came with his parents to Lee county, where he has resided until the present time, following farming until recently when he retired. Mr. Kent has been a resident of Madison township since 1858 and has cast all his votes in the city. His education was attained in the Fort Madison schools at a time when they were in striking contrast with the magnificent buildings and system of learning over which he now has the honor to preside. Seven years ago Mr. Kent was elected a member of the School Board, and three years ago was chosen President, an office to which he has twice been re-elected, and has filled with eminent success. All the buildings except the Lincoln school were erected since his connection with the board, and the elegant new High School under his administration.

**Dr. E. P. Hazen,** Whose handsome dental parlors are located in the Lee County



J. M. CASEY, M. D.



RESIDENCE OF W. R. TIMPE.

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States. For a number of years Dr. Hazen owned a half interest in the American Dental College at Chicago, being demonstrator four years in that flourishing institution. He came to Fort Madison in January, 1884, since which time he has built up a practice that extends into all towns and country surrounding the city. Dr. Hazen belongs to the Iowa State Dental Society and has represented it in National Conventions. His office, which is supplied with all modern appliances, is divided into a reception room, operating room, extracting room, laboratory and workshop. He is assisted by Dr. Jno. Hobbs.



W. R. TIMPE.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

Bank block, is a native of Elwood City, Pa. He has been engaged in his profession since the fall of 1877, and graduated in 1882 from the noted Philadelphia Dental College—the second oldest college in the United

## A. C. Roberts, M. D.

Is a native of New York state and was born January 15, 1830. He, like many of his age, is a man of self education. He attended school and taught school in his early boyhood and early manhood years, most of which were spent in Lenawee County, Michigan, his parents having moved there to continue farm life. In 1850-51 he studied medicine in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, graduating in 1854, having spent most of 1853 in the gold state—California. After marriage he located in Otsego, Mich., afterward moving to Fort Madison. In 1862 he was given the position of surgeon at the government hospital at Keokuk, receiving the army commission of surgeon to the Twenty-first Missouri Regiment Infantry Volunteers, in which service he remained until mustered out in 1866. Returning to Fort Madison he continued the practice of medicine. In 1869 he was elected County Treasurer by a wholesome majority vote, filling that office for six years. In '73 he was honored by Fort Madison's citizens by the office of Mayor. He served the city for several terms. He was at one time a member of the Board of Education and has received several commissions of honor from the state, among them being that of Commissioner to the World's Columbian Exposition in '93 from the First Congressional District of Iowa. For a number of years the Doctor has not been in the active practice of medicine, surrendering his practice to his eldest son, Dr. F. C. Roberts, upon his final return from College. The Doctor has always been an undoubted Democrat laboring arduously for the cause of true Democracy. He is a writer of exceptional strength and is regarded as one of the most influential editors of the

state. He has been a newspaper writer for many years, and for years has been owner of THE DEMOCRAT, at present being a strong advocate of silver. He has made several trips abroad and once made the entire circle of the globe. He has been active in Masonry and has filled all the chairs of the Pythian Order (local lodge) besides being a member of the Order of Odd Fellows. For a term the Doctor served the United States as Pension Examining Surgeon for his district.

Dealers in agricultural implements find business generally good. The rich farming community about accounts for much trade in this line.

The real estate business is successfully carried on by several active men. There is a steady sale and exchange of city property and always a stir in farm lands.

Fort Madison's tonsorial parlors and bath rooms, unlike those of most cities, are prominently located on first floors and never in basements or second floor rooms. They average far better than those of neighboring cities.



RESIDENCE OF EX-REPRESENTATIVE F. H. WILKEN.  
*Photograph by Bell.*



HON. F. H. WILKEN.

**Hugo C. Stempel**, Clerk of the District Court, was first elected to office in 1890 and is now serving his third term. He has lived in Fort Madison since 1847, when he emigrated from Prussia, Germany, at the age of fifteen. Upon arriving with a fairly good German education, Mr. Stempel immediately proceeded to educate himself in English, and as soon as competent studied law under John Van Valkenburg, being admitted to the bar in 1862. Except while acting as clerk or deputy he has practiced law ever since that date. In 1864 and 1865 he was Deputy Clerk under Le Suer and in 1879 and 1880 under S. L. James. Mr. Stempel's majority in the last election was the highest in the county. His term expires next January. From 1881 to 1890 he held the office of City Attorney, and was Commissioner of Insanity several years while not acting as Clerk, being one of the first three commissioners appointed



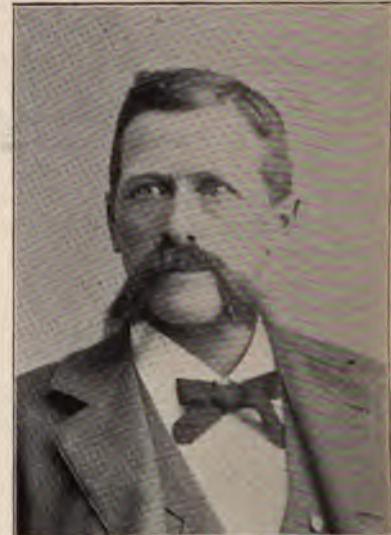
R. J. BARR,  
ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE.  
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RESIDENCE OF H. S. PAYNE.  
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**The Santa Fe Pharmacy**, No. 807 Second street, was established in the fall of 1895 by W. A. McKeehan, and is one of the handsomest and most complete drug stores in the state. Its interior of white ash is all finished in the natural color of the wood, the design being the proprietor's, and was made expressly to order. The soda fountain of Mexican onyx is a marvel of beauty and convenience. The proprietor is assisted by his son, John S. McKeehan.

There are three first class nurseries in the city, each operated by experienced men.



CYRUS KENNEDY,  
CHIEF OF POLICE.  
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in 1870, by the Judge of the Circuit Court. Mr. Stempel has a very wide acquaintance and is a popular and efficient officer. He is a director in the Philharmonic Society.

**C. W. Cruikshank,** Principal of the High School, is a native of Fort Madison, his father, James Cruikshank, being the oldest living white man born in Lee county. Mr. Cruikshank is a graduate of Denmark Academy, Class '84, the oldest educational institution in Iowa, and after teaching country schools in Iowa and Nebraska a year or so, he entered Cornell College, where he graduated in a teacher's course after attending three years. He came into the High school here as principal in 1891 and has satisfactorily held the position ever since, having charge of over 500 pupils in his building. Mr. Cruikshank, who is assisted by two teachers, looks especially after mathematics and science. He has control of ten other teachers in the building.

**J. A. Jordan,** Member of the City Board of Aldermen from the Second ward, is now serving his third term in the Council,



JOHN A. CHOTT.  
*Photograph by Bell.*



JAMES BLOCK.

and immediately upon arriving took the foremanship of the Iowa Farming Tool Company. He now holds the superintendence of that large institution with which he has been connected for twenty-one years.. In politics Mr. Jordan is a Democrat, and while he is active in advancing the interests of his party he has looked faithfully after the affairs of all constituents and made an excellent record in the Council. His superior executive ability is recognized both in municipal and commercial affairs.

The Medical and Legal Professions are well represented and by men of rare competency. The two possess a greater number of graduates from acknowledged schools than any city of its size in the west.



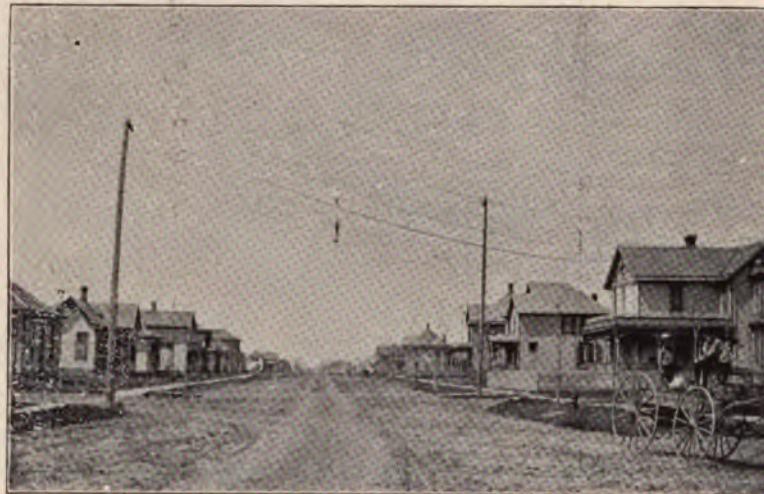
C. O. BAKER, M. D.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

having been first elected in 1891. Mr. Jordan was born in Prattsville, New York, in 1849. He came to Fort Madison in October, 1875, having spent four years prior to that date in Connecticut,

**John G. H. Stellern,** Proprietor of the Stellern Brewery and Bottling Works, was born in Westvalen, Germany, December 25, 1830. At the age of nine years his father died and he came, in company with his mother, a sister and four brothers, to America in 1844, landing at St. Louis, where he lived until 1868 when he moved to Fort Madison. He followed farming awhile after arriving here, then started a soda factory, an institution that has grown from a small beginning to one of gigantic proportions. Later on he established a brick manufactory which he conducted for ten years. In 1883 he purchased the well known Schlapp Brewery which has since been conducted in connection with the bottling works. Mr. Stellern's years of active business in Fort Madison number nearly a quarter century. Mr. Stellern retired from active business about two years ago, leaving the cares of operation to his sons, Henry and Frank, who are continuing business with the same success which preceded



J. G. H. STELLERN.  
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DES MOINES STREET, WEST FROM UNION AVENUE, WEST END.  
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principles of Democracy carried out in a manner that will grant equal rights to all.

**"The Medical Messenger,"** Edited by J. M. Thornber, M. D., was established in 1895, and circulates in every state and territory in the Union. It is a 16-page monthly, devoted to medicine and hygiene, and its success during the first year has been phenomenal. Price 50 cents a year. Messenger Publishing Co., Room 7, James Block, Fort Madison, Iowa.



HENRY STELLERN.  
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their management. Mr. Stellern has acquired all his possessions through hard work, starting in life while a boy of thirteen. While a life long democrat, he has never held office and never intends to, being content to see the

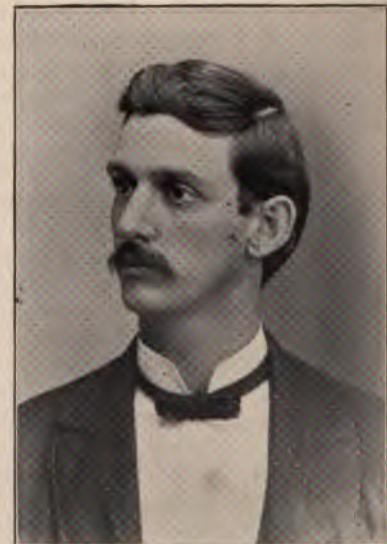
**F. E. Sternberg.** Of the undertaking firm of Kistner & Sternberg, has lived in Fort Madison since May 15, 1894, when he came here to form the partnership above mentioned. Mr. Sternberg graduated from the United States College of Embalming at New York City in June, 1893. Two years prior to entering college he served in one of the largest undertaking establishments in Des Moines, under the most competent instructors in arterial and cavity embalming and funeral directing in the state. After receiving his diploma he again practiced in Des Moines a year before coming here. Mr. Sternberg was born at Mitchellville in 1869, and was educated in Simpson College in Indianola. He was married in Fort Madison last year and resides in the city. Socially he is a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows Lodges.



THE MARQUETTE.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

**Hon. J. D. M. Hamilton,** A prominent member of the Lee County Bar, has been a resident of Fort Madison since 1856. He was born in Pittsburg in 1851, and was educated at Knox College, Galesburg, Ill. In law he graduated from Washington University, St. Louis, Class '76, and immediately entered into practice with John Van Valkenburg, a partnership that lasted until 1890, since which time he has been alone, conducting a very extensive and lucrative practice. Mr. Hamilton has held many public positions of trust and honor. He was a presidential elector during the Hancock campaign; was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention in 1884; was Mayor of Fort Madison six years prior to 1893; member of the Iowa House of Representatives in the XVII General Assembly, and is now one of the trustees of the Hospital for Insane at Clarinda. He is attorney for the A. T. & S. F., the St. L., K. & N. W. and C. B. & K. C. railroads, and has been for a number of years. Socially Mr. Hamilton is a Knight of Pythias, an Odd Fellow and Mason. In the first named order he has been Grand Chancellor of Iowa and Representative to the Supreme Lodge of the world.

**Hon. Otway Cutler,** Ex-Mayor and pioneer resident, was born in Morgan County, Ind., in 1824, coming to Fort Madison in 1836, with his father who opened a general store. Mr. Cutler succeeded his father in business and has been very successful, owning several farms, business blocks, railway stock and other property. He was connected with the building of all railways here.



FRANK E. STERNBERG.

**N. C. Roberts.** The present Postmaster of the city was born at Otsego, Michigan, Oct. 11, 1857, coming to Iowa in 1859. He has been a continuous resident of Fort Madison since 1866. He attended school at the Fort Madison Academy, graduating from that school in 1872, afterward studying at Ann Arbor, Mich., in '73-4. Mr. Roberts has always been an active worker in politics, having been chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee for two terms. He has served as Past Chancellor of Gem City Lodge, K. of P., is an active member of Claypoole Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Potowonok Chapter and Delta Commandery, K. T., and Kaaba Temple A. A. O. N. M. S. He is also a member of Fort Madison Lodge, I. O. O. F. and has held offices in the several bodies. He was connected with THE DEMOCRAT from '74 to '93 when he retired to accept the Postmastership. He was succeeded as the business manager by his brother, Ed. M., at the time of his retirement. He is President of the local club of League of American Wheelmen.

**H. B. Hamm.** One of the Gem City's progressive dry goods merchants, came here in January, 1895, opening his present store with a force of five clerks. At present eighteen salespeople are employed. Mr. Hamm, who is a native of Pittsburg, has been engaged in the dry goods trade the greater part of his life, buying and selling stocks and doing wholesale trade in Chicago for eight years. He has a reputation as a buyer that is only attained by years of experience, and has always dealt exclusively in dry goods. His handsome store rooms are well stocked and contain cash and bundle carriers and all modern improve-

ments. His business has been successful from the start, a result of close and correct business methods. See interior view of store elsewhere.

**John Walljasper,** Auditor of Lee County, has lived all his life in the county. He was born in West Point in 1853, and worked at the carpenter trade until twenty-one years of age when he spent four years in mercantile business, afterward working at contracting until 1892 when the Democrats elected him by a good majority to the office he now acceptably fills. Mr. Walljasper has a very wide acquaintance in Lee County and has displayed unusual executive ability. As Secretary of the West Point District Agricultural Society he conducted the best fairs ever held there. The affairs of his office are carefully looked after by him in a business like, careful manner. Mr. Walljasper is an enthusiastic Democrat and has held several offices of trust and responsibility in his home township. He is President of West Point Branch, No. 18, of the R. C. M. P. S., and has represented the order in various conventions.



RESIDENCE OF JAMES C. BREWSTER.  
Photograph by Bell.

**T. T. Hitch,** Secretary and Treasurer of the Iowa Farming Tool Company, was born in Godmanchester, England, in 1870, coming with his parents to Fort Madison in 1873. After receiving an education in the city schools and in Prof. Johnson's Business College Mr. Hitch took a nominal position with the great company he represents, being steadily promoted from the start. He began as stenographer, then took charge of the shipping department, next was elected secretary and later was given the additional office of treasurer. Aside from once holding the office of vice president of the Fort Madison Loan and Building Association

Mr. Hitch has confined his labors strictly to the business of the company he so efficiently represents. Socially he affiliates with the Masons, belonging to the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Commandery and Mystic Shrine.

**F. J. Glazier & Son.** The bicycle and light vehicle trade is rarely better represented than by this popular firm, whose place of business is situated at No. 830 Second street. The very finest of buggies, carriages, carts, traps, bicycles and bicycle sundries are always in stock. The best of light harness and harness supplies are also carried in stock.

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**W. D. Halle,** (Portrait elsewhere,) professor of music, formerly made Fort Madison his permanent residence. He now divides his time between Keokuk and neighboring cities, devoting it to voice cultivation. He has been eminently successful as an instructor and at present has a large class at the Marquette. Mr. Halle is an American. He graduated in general study in a western school, afterward studying harmony in New York City, under B. O. Klein, piano-forte with Goldbeck, Epstein and Poznanski and singing with Signor Tamaro. Later he studied in London under the celebrated Garcia. Mr. Halle has successfully held several prominent operatic and concert engagements, singing leading tenor roles. For some time he filled a position in the Chicago Conservatory.

Fort Madison is most fortunate in having even a portion of this gentleman's time.

**Dr. J. W. Philpott,** One of Fort Madison's leading physicians, coming here from New London, Henry County. He is a graduate of the medical department of the University of Vermont, at Burlington, receiving his diploma in 1878. He then practiced with his father, Dr. J. H. Philpott, one of the oldest physicians in the state, after having spent several

years of study in his office. Dr. Philpott is Vice President of the Iowa State Railway Surgeons' Association, belongs to the American Medical Association, Des Moines County Medical Society, and the Iowa State Medical Society. He is also Chief Surgeon of the Chicago, Fort Madison & Des Moines, a position he has filled for eight years, and is Surgeon for the Iowa State Penitentiary and the Fort Madison Street Railway Company. The Doctor, who was valedictorian of his class, has many prizes won in schools and colleges as a result of close application. He enjoys a very extensive practice and is an active and public spirited citizen. Socially he is a Master and Royal Arch Mason and Knight



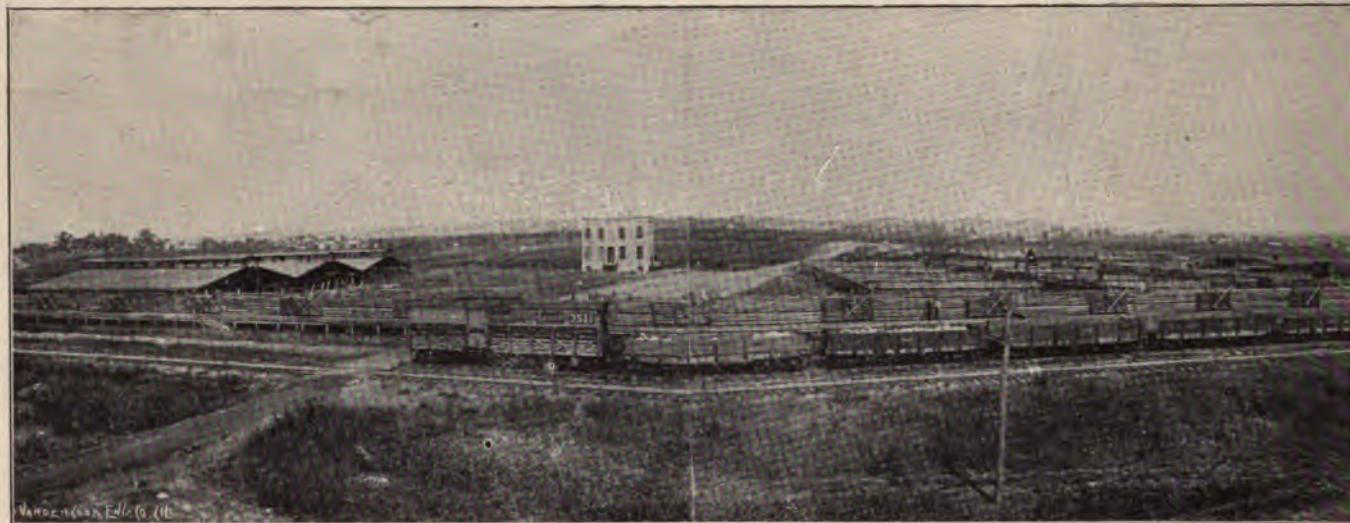
RESIDENCE OF J. FRANK WRAY.

Templar, a member of Delta Commandery.

**Cyrus H. Morrill,** Superintendent of the city schools, was born at Newburyport, Mass. When he was a year old his parents moved to Maine, where his boyhood was spent on his father's farm. He was fitted for college at the Limerick High School and afterward studied law under an uncle, finished at the Boston University.

and was admitted to the bar of Maine in 1884. In 1887 he was admitted to practice in the courts of Wisconsin. Mr. Morrill began school work in Maine, then taught in Mitchell County, Iowa, and was later Principal of Spearfish Academy in the Black Hills. After admission to the bar he taught in Maine two years, then was Vice President of the Sheboygan Business College three years, and was later elected four successive years as Superintendent of Schools at Blue Island, Ill., resigning the last term

**Geo. W. Neafie.** Was born in Keithsburg, Ill., May 7, 1871. He received his education in the public schools of that city, coming to Fort Madison July 4, 1887. In December of '88 he entered the office of THE EVENING DEMOCRAT for the purpose of learning the printer's trade. He worked at the case until May of '93 when he became collector and solicitor. This position he held until December '93 when he was given the position of city editor, which position he has since



VANDENBERG, ELL. (A. H.)

VIEW OF THE STOCK YARDS.

to accept the Fort Madison schools. Since coming here Mr. Morrill has declined two excellent offers from the Wisconsin State Normal schools. The Fort Madison schools have made excellent progress under his management, his work having been highly satisfactory.

The city possesses several artists of rather exceptional ability. Painting is taught and done in the various branches of the art.

filled with credit. Mr. Neafie is an easy writer and a good gleaner. He is politically a Democrat. He was unanimously appointed clerk of the vestry of Hope Church (Episcopal) by that body two years ago. He enjoys the respect of the large citizenship and a wide and popular acquaintance.

Business in the various lines is generally good in Fort Madison, several trades being overcrowded. Merchants generally are prosperous.



C. B. MONTGOMERY,  
EDITOR AND MANAGER  
MORNING NEWS.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

successful from the start, and being a tireless worker and possessing a wide and favorable acquaintance in the city and country, has contributed materially toward building for the firm an extensive practice. Socially Mr. Weber is a member of the Philharmonic Society and is Chancellor Commander of Golden Cross Lodge, No. 111, Knights of Pythias.

The Lee County Pioneers and Old Settlers' Association is an organization composed of the venerable sires and grandsires of the county. Fort Madison is the favorite place for the reunions. The forthcoming one will be held August 27.

**C. F. Wahrer, M. D.,** Came to Fort Madison from Mt. Hamill three years ago after having successfully handled a large practice at the latter place for ten years. Prior to this he was a teacher in Whittier College, Salem, where he graduated in 1875. The Doctor is also a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of Keokuk, Class '87, and from 1890 to 1893 held the chair of pathology in that celebrated institution. Dr. Wahrer was born in Baden, Germany, in 1850, coming to America in 1853 and settling at Keokuk. He was married at Fairfield in 1876 to Miss Sara McCracken, a teacher and former graduate of Whittier College. Higher education, music and art have occupied the Doctor's attention to a great extent aside from his professional duties. He is a member of the Iowa Medical Society, American Medical Association, and various other professional orders. Socially he is a member of Empire Lodge, I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W.

**Edwin C. Weber,** Attorney at law, was born in West Point, Iowa, in 1867, living at his home in that city until he attained his majority when he entered the Iowa College of Law at Drake University, Des Moines. From this well known school Mr. Weber graduated with honors in 1893, after which he spent a year in Utah. A little over two years ago he came to Fort Madison and forming a partnership with Mr. J. J. Watson, at once entered into active practice. Mr. Weber was eminently



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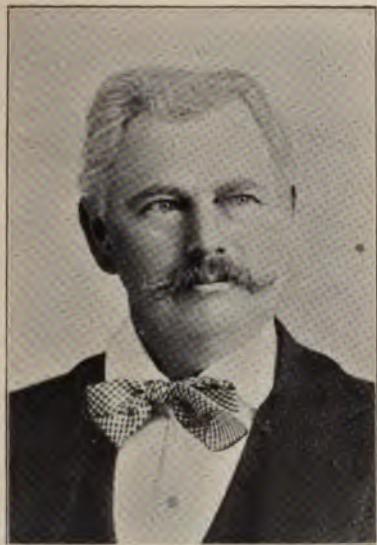
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**Dr. D. N. Coon,** Has been engaged in the practice of medicine in Fort Madison since 1876. His native town is Syracuse, New York. In 1863 he graduated from the U. S. Medical Board at Washington, D. C., having been Assistant Surgeon in the Army of the Potomac, accompanying the Fifth New York Regiment of Duree Zouaves. Since 1867 the Doctor has been a resident of Iowa, locating first at Monticello. From there he went to West Point where he practiced prior to locating here. During two years of his residence at West Point he was Mayor of that flourishing little city. Dr. Coon is an active, energetic man and has an extensive practice in both country and city.

**Alfred Sommer,** Whose portrait will be found on another page, is the acknowledged leader of music in Fort Madison. He came to Fort Madison direct from Karlsruhe, Germany, in November, 1889. His extraordinary musical talent placed him at once at the head of all local musicians who were united in acknowledging his exceeding rare ability as a director and performer. His reputation is now widely spread and Fort Madison, throughout the west, is generally envied the residence of the talented artist. He has received flattering offers from prominent musical organizations and from neighboring cities, all of which he has declined, preferring to remain in the city of his well established friendships, which city has repeatedly assured

him of its appreciation. Mr. Sommer is a man of thirty-one, having been born in Germany's capital city, Berlin, in 1865. He is the son of August Sommer, a musician, who died when Alfred was but three years old. Very early in life he exhibited the fact of being an inheritor of musical talent and he commenced the study of music when but six years old. His tutors were of the best and his study was privately taken until after his fourteenth year when he attended a prominent musical school at Rathenow. His first instrument was the violin. He became proficient as a soloist on this instrument, but at the age of fifteen chose the violoncello, its marvelous richness and sweetness having most appealed, of all instruments, to his musical ear. The great Franke, of the Berlin Royal Theatre, was his master. In the summer of '83 he became a member of the Liebig Symphony Orchestra, at Berlin, playing with that noted organization until October, when he joined the German army where he remained for six years, under Adolf Boettge, one of the most noted of Germany's military band directors. With this noted army band he made a tour through Italy, Switzerland and Germany, visiting all the largest cities. During this time he played with the orchestra of the Karlsruhe Hoftheatre, directed by



INTERIOR OF DRY GOODS ESTABLISHMENT OF H. B. HAMM.  
*Photograph by Bell.*



D. N. COON, M. D.  
*Photograph by Bell.*

the great artist, Felix Mottl. He came directly to Fort Madison upon arriving in America as before stated. Beside giving individual instruction to many he is employed as director of the Philharmonic Society, which has orchestra, band and choral classes and is composed of a hundred members. Prof. Sommer is possessed of remarkable generosity and has given great pleasure to music lovers many times "without money and without price." Indeed the necessity of receiving financial compensation for his music is the one unpleasant feature of the gentleman's life study. As a 'cellist he ranks amongst the best and his capabilities are all but unlimited, he being able to direct the use of nearly all instruments.

**F. C. Roberts, M. D.,** Was born January 10, 1855, in Otsego, Allegan county, Michigan. He came to Fort Madison in 1859 with his parents, since which time this city has been his continuous residence. His medical studies, under the instruction of Dr. A. C. Roberts, his father, began with his early youth. He was a student at the medical department of the University of Michigan and the Louisville Medical College, of Louisville, Ky. In March, 1876, he began the regular practice of his profession in this city and with the exception of the season of 1887, spent in the operating rooms of the hospitals of London and Berlin, has remained steadily at his work here. For nearly twenty years he has been local surgeon for the C. B. & Q. Railroad. He was appointed Commissioner of Insanity for Lee County in 1882, which position he still holds acting as President of the Commission. He is a member of the various social orders and societies and

holds a commission as Additional Assistant Surgeon in the Second Regiment, I. N. G., with rank as First Lieutenant. He is a believer in Fort Madison, past, present and future and is and always has been one of the citizens active and aggressive in pushing her claims as the best city in Iowa to the front.

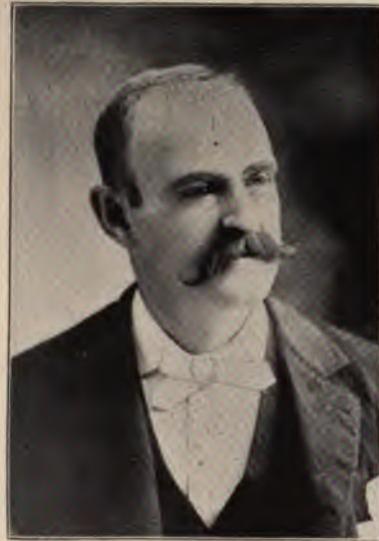


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**J. Ross Robertson,** City Engineer and County Surveyor, came here from Keokuk, his native town, three years ago. He is now serving his third year as City Engineer, receiving the office by appointment, and is now on his first year as County Surveyor. Mr. Robertson was educated in Keokuk, and followed railroad engineering eight years prior to accepting his present office, working with the Santa Fé, Burlington and other large companies. His first appointment to office was made by a Democratic council, the second by a Republican board, and the third time his excellent services were recognized by the unanimous vote of both parties. He is a valued official and ranks high in his profession.



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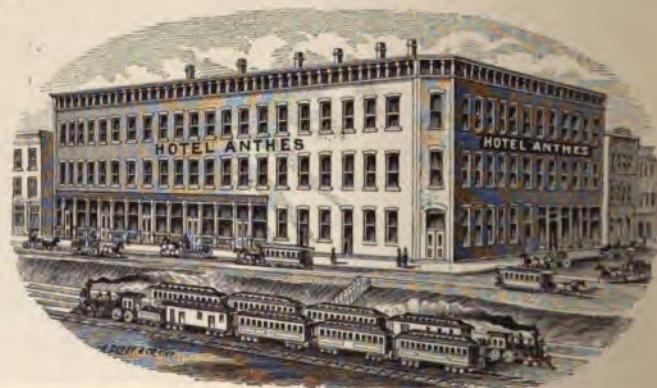
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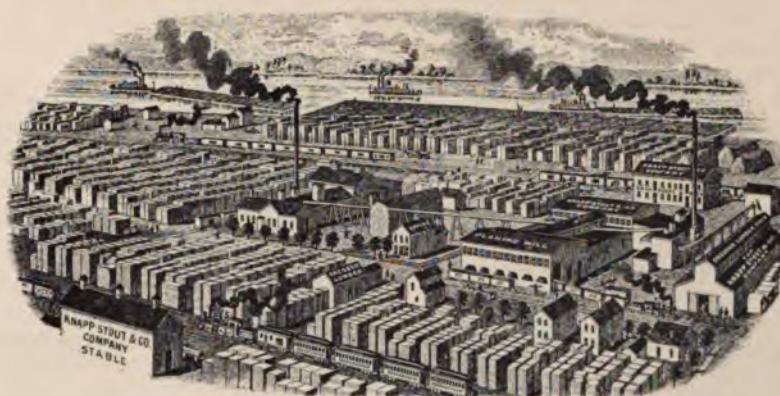
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**Dr. E. C. Chapman,** Surgeon in charge at the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé Hospital in this city, was educated in the high schools and colleges of Washington, Iowa, and in the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk. He graduated from Washington Academy in 1866 and from Keokuk in 1878. The Doctor is a native of Belfountain, Ohio,—born in 1847. He came west in 1854, locating at Washington, where he practiced medicine from 1868 until nine years ago when he accepted a responsible position with the Santa Fé, one which he is not only amply qualified, but naturally adapted to fill. The Doctor is a member of the Iowa State Medical Society and the Academy of Medicine at Topeka. Socially he belongs to Stella Lodge, No. 440, A. F. and A. M., Potowonok Chapter, Delta Commandery and Kaaba Shrine. He has had charge of the hospital here since March, 1894.

**Hon. Charles Doerr,** Justice of the Peace, has been a valued resident of Fort Madison since 1855. In 1851 Mr. Doerr came to this country with his parents from the Duchy of Nassau, Germany, where he was born in 1831. He obtained an excellent education in the high schools of Wiesbaden, the capital of that province. A few years after his arrival in Fort Madison he was appointed Deputy Clerk of Courts, and in 1862 was elected Clerk of the District and Circuit Courts, a position he continued to hold eleven years when he refused to again run. Mr. Doerr has been a candidate for Secretary of State on the Democratic ticket, was a member of the Legislature in 1884, and was Postmaster under Cleveland's first administration.

He was elected Justice of the Peace in 1894, an office for which he is eminently qualified.

### Col. W. J. McCray,

Manager of the Fort Madison Water and Gas Company, was born in Alamance County, North Carolina, in 1845. At the age of seventeen he went to Danville, Virginia, where he was engaged ten years in mercantile and wholesale tobacco trade. After four years spent in mercantile trade at Benton, Louisiana, the Colonel went to Sullivan County, Mo., where he was married in 1876, coming to Fort Madison in 1888. After three years spent in the real estate business he took charge of the water and gas plant for the American Debenture Co., who controlled it some three years, when it was placed in a receiver's hands for a year, then bought in by the bondholders, whose interests the Colonel now represents. Col. McCray is an energetic, public spirited citizen, possessing a wide and favorable acquaintance. Socially he is a Mason and a Knight of Pythias.



HOTEL FLORENCE.



C. G. HURT.

Photograph by Bell.

**Henry Helling,** The Chief of Fort Madison's efficient Fire Department, is now serving his second term of office. In March, 1895, he was chosen by a majority of nine votes in a spirited contest, but in 1896 he was appointed by acclamation. He had served as a fireman ten years, was twice elected captain of Boss Hose Co., and was first assistant to the chief one term. Mr. Helling was born and raised in Fort Madison, and owns a large, well stocked general store at 1436 Fourth street, having earned all he possesses by his own efforts. Prior to engaging in business five years ago he was foreman of Knapp, Stout & Co. Company's planing mill four years. He owns property in the city and is a Director in the Loan and Building Association.



EXTERIOR OF STELLERN BREWING ESTABLISHMENT.

### Dr. W. F. S. Murdy,

Whose rooms are located in the new Lee County Bank building, is a native of Green County, Pennsylvania. He came to Iowa in 1872 and settled in Appanoose County, attending the academic department of the public schools at Centerville until 1875, when he entered the well known Missouri Medical College at St. Louis for a four years course, graduating in 1878. In 1895 he took a post graduate course, and has just recently finished a two month's course of practice in the St. Louis hospitals as assistant surgeon, under competent operators of that city. He has practiced twelve years in Appanoose County and over four years in Fort Madison, building up a very extensive business here. Dr. Murdy is a member of the American Medical Association, the National Association of Railway Surgeons and the Des Moines Valley Medical Society. He held while in Appanoose County the offices of Surgeon for the C., B. & Q. and Wabash Railways. Dr. Murdy possesses an executive ability that is equaled by few men of any profession or business.

The Soldiers of Lee County are organized for the purpose of fraternal reunions and camp fires. Each year finds the boys in blue in the enjoyment of a reunion in Fort Madison.



HENRY HELLING,  
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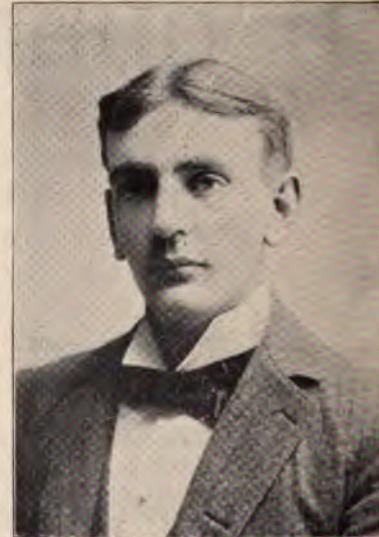
**H. B. Hogeboom, Ph. C., M. D.**, Who has recently entered into partnership with Dr. John Downs, is a native of Oskaloosa, Kansas, and a son of Dr. Geo. W. Hogeboom, Chief Surgeon of the Santa Fé at Topeka and one of the eminent physicians of Kansas. He graduated from the Topeka High school in 1891, from the University of Kansas, at Lawrence, in 1894, and from the Rush Medical College at Chicago, Class '96. Since 1894 the Doctor has been with the Santa Fé at Las Vegas during vacations, acting as assistant surgeon, and has worked in the Chicago Dispensary during his schooling under Dr. R. W. McMann, Surgeon of the Soldiers' Home at Quincy. While he expects to attend to general practice here, he will make a specialty of surgery and diseases of the chest, throat and lungs, having taken courses in the latter specialty under Prof. Ingalls, who holds the chest, throat and lungs chair at Rush. The Doctor, who is a young man, has had the benefit of the best instruction in the land and is very thorough in his profession.

**T. H. Johnson,** Attorney, has been a resident of Fort Madison six years, and is a native of Van Buren County. He received his education at the State University of Iowa, and began the study of law with Judge J. C. Knapp, at Keosauqua, being admitted to the bar in 1880. He was for a time engaged as Editor of the Van Buren Democrat and began practicing law at Keosauqua in 1882. In 1885 he went to West Point, practicing until 1890 when he came to Fort Madison. The following year he was elected City Attorney, an office he has since held to the entire satisfaction of the public. During the years 1893 and

1894 Mr. Johnson served as Assistant County Attorney, discharging the perplexing duties of the office in a highly creditable manner.



EXTERIOR OF STELLERN BOTTLING WORKS.  
*Photograph by Bell.*



H. B. HOGEBOOM, M. D.  
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**W. H. Newlon, M. D.**, One of the Gem City's successful practitioners, located here in the spring of 1891, and has acquired a very extensive practice. He was born in Dallas City, Illinois, November 10, 1862, and is a son of Dr. B. F. Newlon, of that place, a physician of prominence under whom the Doctor studied for several years prior to entering the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Keokuk, where he graduated in 1890. Immediately after his graduation he was appointed as Surgeon for the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé Railroad Company, a position he has held ever since. He is a member of the Tri-State Medical Society, the Des Moines Valley Medical

Society and the Iowa State Medical Society. Socially Dr. Newlon is a member of Dallas City Lodge, No. 235, A. F. and A. M., Dallas Chapter, No. 111, R. A. M. (lodges founded by his father); Delta Commandery, No. 51; Kaaba Temple A. A. O. N. M. S., Oasis of Davenport, Iowa; Golden Cross Lodge, No. 111, Knights of Pythias, and Chosen Friends Lodge, No. 71, I. O. O. F.

**Ed. M. Roberts,** Business Manager of THE DEMOCRAT, and for a number of years prior to 1893 City Editor, is a member of the firm of Roberts & Roberts, Proprietors. During the first three years of the activity of the Lee County Soldiers' Association Mr. Roberts was chosen as its Secretary, an honor that was doubtless conferred for the reason that he was its "youngest soldier"—being born in camp of the Twenty-first Missouri Infantry, at Memphis, Tenn., December 21, 1863. Mr. Roberts was educated in the Fort Madison public schools and Johnson's Business College, and has done newspaper and literary work—including play writing, dramatizing and story writing—during the most of his life. The writer of these "sketches" has long regarded Mr. Roberts' literary work as ranking first among that of the clever newspaper men of the state. Mr. R. has traveled extensively in America, and in 1890 spent six months in a tour of Europe, contributing entertaining letters to THE DEMOCRAT during his absence. He was president of the city's first wheel club, and has creditably filled the office of Secretary of the Cattermole Memorial Library since its establishment two years ago.

### William F. Kiel,

The present efficient Treasurer of Lee County, has lived all his life in Fort Madison. He was elected by the Democrats in 1892 by a majority of 375 and was re-elected last fall by nearly 800 majority—the largest attained in the county. Prior to this Mr. Kiel served for three years on the Board of Aldermen. In his showings before the Board of Supervisors the Treasurer has made a most enviable record, his accounts being correct to the letter. Socially Mr. Kiel affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He is a popular officer, a progressive citizen, and enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance throughout the county. He has an interesting family and resides at No. 1020 Front street.

Fort Madison has several benevolent associations. Two Roman Catholic Churches have them in connection and The Benevolent Union is an organized band of women for charities. The W. R. C. cares for soldiers' widows and orphans.



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**H. W. Lewis.** Was born at West Liberty, Iowa, in 1857. After a course of study and after graduating at the high school he adopted newspaper work, getting his early experience on the West Liberty Enterprise as "local." This was prior to 1882. For a period of two years after he held the position of editor and foreman on the Iowa City Republican, afterward becoming manager of the Creston (Iowa) Daily and Weekly Gazette. This responsible position he successfully held for four years. Later, in 1889, Mr. Lewis established the Creston Sunday Times. For one year he held the office of clerk of the city and of the Superior Court in Creston. At Muscatine he established the Saturday Mail, which he sold two years ago in order to do syndicate work as traveling correspondent for metropolitan newspapers. Mr. Lewis is a writer of unusual ability and is highly regarded as a newspaper man in the Iowa field. He has done much magazine writing, the publishers of which readily acknowledge his ability. This gentleman has spent several months among the business men of Fort Madison, being engaged in soliciting for this work, **ILLUSTRATED FORT MADISON**, much of the credit for its excellence being due him. Mr. Lewis resides at Muscatine.

**League of American Wheelmen and Wheeling.** Fort Madison, like all cities of today, is becoming filled with devotees of the wheel. A short three years ago the owners of bicycles in our city could be easily counted in a few moments at most.

The number have so grown that the assessor alone is the only one who has the courage to reckon the number. They have become, here, as elsewhere, a necessity for business and always a vehicle for recreation and pleasure.

In the season of good roads the rides about the city's environs are most pleasant and picturesque. There is a club of League of American Wheelmen, which comprises nearly a half hundred members. N. C. Roberts is President, Jno. P. Irving, Secretary; J. H. Axt, Treasurer; F. A. Amborn, Captain, and Geo. D. Hutchison (a member), Member of the State Board. The League here does much toward the organization and enforcement of sensible bicycle laws and is a most necessary and beneficial organization.

Fort Madison and Keokuk were first connected by rail in the year 1857. The road was built by citizens of Keokuk, Fort Madison and others. It was purchased by the C., B. & Q. in 1869. This company completed it to Burlington in 1870. The building of the C., B. & K. C. Railroad (then the B. & S. W.) was commenced in 1869.



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J. H. AXT.  
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## The Press.

The most important factor of a city is the press. This fact is one which is not always impressed upon the mind of the citizen; but he realizes it who has stagnated in a town, and perhaps undertaken its upbuilding, without the existence of the press and its power. Fort Madison is fortunate in its possession of publications and numbers three daily, four weekly and two monthly papers; each of them being a benefit to the city; being ever willing to work for the city's upbuilding and general advancement. The people are more indebted to Fort Madison's press than they well ever realize for the progressive steps that the city has taken, during latter years particularly, for there has been continual improvement in the character of the papers and an increased appreciation of them abroad as well as at home.

THE EVENING DEMOCRAT was established in 1888, the WEEKLY DEMOCRAT having been continuously issuing since 1869. Roberts & Roberts are Publishers and Proprietors of this paper. A. C. Roberts is Senior Editor, Geo. W. Neafie is City Editor, and Ed. M. Roberts is Business Manager and J. B. Mason is General Foreman, while Jno. Pohlmeier looks after the details of the press room, with C. H. Kistner as Superintendent of Forms. The paper is unmistakably Democratic in its politics and has the largest combined circulation (of daily and weekly) of any paper in Lee County. It operates a job department where excellent work is properly and reasonably done.

THE DAILY (AND WEEKLY) GEM CITY is a flourishing Democratic paper, with a large patronage, among the German-Americans of the city particularly. It was established in 1887. J. M. Nauer & Co. are the Publishers. Mr. Nauer being Business Manager and Fred J. Lorscheter



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being its Editor. George Krukenmeier is Foreman. It conducts a job department.

THE MORNING NEWS.—This paper was established October 6, 1895, and is published by C. B. Montgomery who is also its Editor. It has a weekly edition also. It is Republican in politics. On April 13, 1896, it absorbed the Plaindealer, which paper was established in 1840. J. C. West is its Foreman. It is a neatly printed paper and has a good circulation.

THE KNIGHT'S SWORD AND HELMET is a handsome sixteen page monthly paper devoted to Pythianism. It is published by the Pythian Printing Company, Mrs. A. M. Dodd being its Proprietress with H. W. Dodd Associate and Business Manager. It has the largest circulation of any Pythian paper published and is an admirable banner for the noble order. It was established in 1877 by H. W. Dodd, Sr. The Helmet is the official organ of the Grand Lodge of Iowa and the oldest exclusive Pythian paper published. R. A. Madison is the paper's efficient Foreman.

THE MEDICAL MESSENGER is a monthly publication issued by the Messenger Publishing Co., J. M. Thornber, M. D., being its Editor. It was established in 1895 and is a popular monthly devoted to hygiene,

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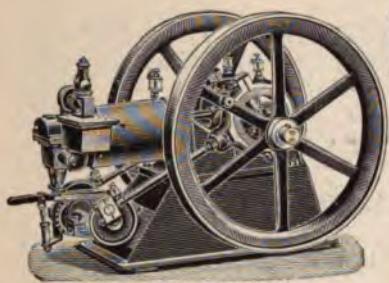


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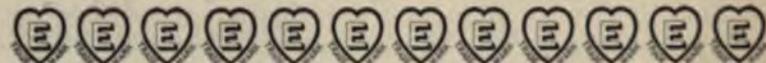
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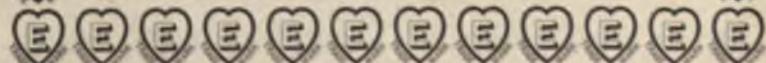
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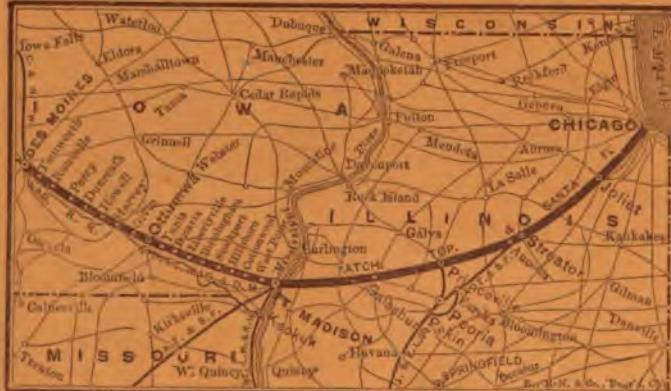
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